

Addressing the Achievement Gap with Be Your Best Summer Academy and Cycles for Success Scholarships

Serving Underrepresented Students at
Riverland Community College

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Be Your Best

Eight Week Summer College Prep Academy for Underrepresented Students has served 162 students over seven years.



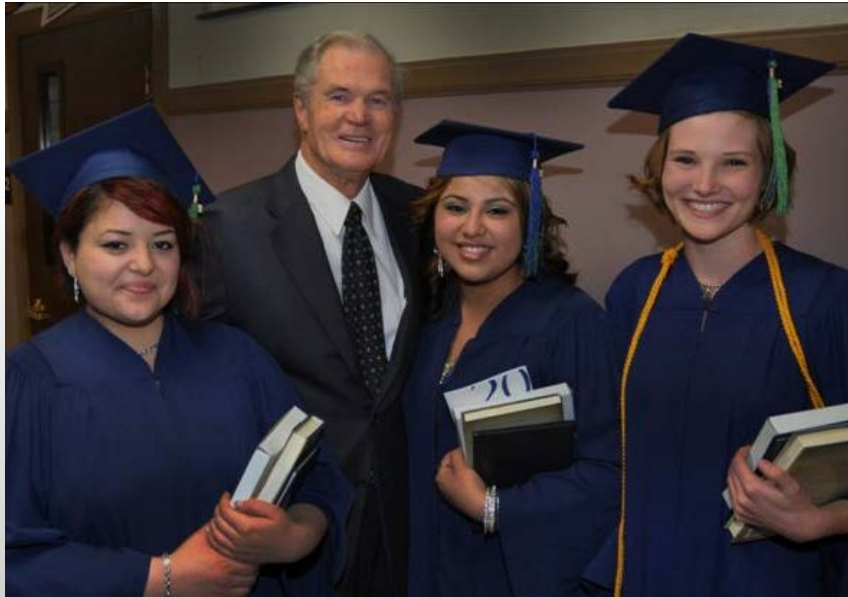
BYB created with MnSCU's "Initiative to Promote Excellence in Student Learning" Grant in 2007 and honored with MnSCU's "Innovative Practices in Diversity Award" in 2009.

- 93 percent (151/162) of participants successfully completed three summer college prep courses with GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- 88 percent (43/49) college-aged enrolled in Higher Education within a year.
- 100 percent (102/102) high-school-aged continued on in high school, many taking PSEO and concurrent courses.
- \$290,000+ received from The Hormel Foundation, area high schools, local businesses, and organizations since 2008.



Cycles for Success Scholarship Program Funded by The Hormel Foundation of Austin, Minnesota

Investing \$1,200,000 in Riverland scholarships for underrepresented grads of Austin and Pacelli High Schools. Pictured, first Cycles grads with Mr. Richard Knowlton, Chair of The Hormel Foundation in Spring 2011.



Since 2010:

- 173 of 200 applicants were funded (86%)
- Average award of \$2,400 per year.
Students can receive funding multiple years.
- 87 Cycles students are enrolled 2013-14.
- 57 graduates through spring 2014.
- 32 transfer students through spring 2014.
- Adding 35-40 new scholarship students each year.

