

## What we know

- 1. Low-income and minority students have less access to quality college advising and rigorous academic preparation.
- 2. They are much less likely to attend college; especially the nation's top colleges.
- 3. Top colleges give them the resources to graduate on-time, debt-free, and ready to access competitive careers.

## What this means

Disrupting this status quo in students' access to highly-competitive colleges and careers requires an intensive and comprehensive approach. We launched TeenSHARP in New Jersey in 2009 and in Delaware in 2015 to accomplish this goal.



**TeenSHARP** prepares talented youth of color to attend and thrive at our nation's top colleges.

## **Our vision**

We envision a corps of 100,000 youth leaders of color who will create change today and provide the diverse talent needed in tomorrow's top colleges and careers.

# Our approach

#### **Selective Colleges**

TeenSHARP specializes in getting high-achieving students of color into top colleges and premier leadership programs. We build relationships with these competitive opportunities and serve as a consistent pipeline of talented students.

#### **Students as Agents of Change**

TeenSHARP builds students' college knowledge, academic readiness, and social entrepreneurship skills so they can serve as peer ambassadors of higher education in their schools and communities. Students engage in interactive training sessions each Saturday during the school year.

#### **Comprehensive Support**

TeenSHARP provides comprehensive and strategic advising to students and families that leverages community resources and leads to success in high school. TeenSHARP parents also build their awareness of college admissions through our TeenSHARP Parent Network.

100\*

TeenSHARP Scholars enrolled in the Program



\*45 students in Delaware \*55 students in New Jersey 95%

TeenSHARP scholars are admitted to highly selective colleges \*



\*Top 238 selective colleges according to Barron's rankings.

2,770\*\*

Students served through community outreach



\*\*1,395 students in Delaware

\*\*1,375 students in New Jersey

We see college prep differently...

80
Hours
College Style Seminars

75
Hours
One on One Mentoring



100 Hours Community Service **20 Hours**College Advising
9th-11th grade

70 Hours College Advising 12th grade

Per year

## Our students are SHARP

Austin joined TeenSHARP in September of his sophomore year. That same spring he organized his school's first College Awareness Week and was selected to attend the prestigious TEDxTeen leadership conference. During the summer of his junior year he received a US Department of State scholarship to participate in a language immersion program in China. By the end of his senior year Austin had organized 3 colleges awareness weeks, received numerous community service awards and was admitted into some of the nation's most prestigious universities. Austin graduated from high school at the top of his class and is currently enjoying a gap year in China participating in a U.S Department of State language immersion program. Upon his return, Austin will enroll at Swarthmore University with a prestigious McCabe Scholarship.

