## "Yes, You Can"

- \* Social cognitive pedagogical theories state that all students can learn the content
- \* High teacher expectations are correlated with academic success



## Theoretical Framework

## Sociocultural Constructivism

- \* Based on theory by Lev Vygotsky
- \* We learn by constructing knowledge together with expert mentors and peers.
- \* We learn what is in our Zone of Proximal Development, necessarily building upon and within reach of knowledge already built.
- \* Every student has funds of knowledge available from family, community, and prior classrooms upon which to construct knowledge