

HOW TO BE INVOLVED IN LEAD UP?

- **LEAD UP Youth Achiever**—if you are in 9th to 12th grade, and are interested in enhancing leadership skills and college readiness, then apply to the LEAD UP program.
- **LEAD UP Guide** - If you are a college student, then consider serving as a college peer advisor to provide guidance and support to a LEAD UP Achiever.
- **LEAD UP College Network Partner** - If you are affiliated with a community college or 4-year college or university, then consider how to be part of the college network.
- **LEAD UP Advisory Board**- If you are an academic campus partner, Lead Up Guide, or a community partner representative, then consider serve as a [Lead UP Advisory Board member](#).
- **LEAD UP Collaborator** - If you are an individual, organization, foundation, or funding agency, with an interest in youth development, leadership development, and/or college preparation and readiness, particularly for racial and ethnic minorities, then Lead Up is an appropriate program to invest.

LEAD UP PARTNERS & ACHIEVERS

LEAD UP participants in the pilot program are youth in 9th through 12th grades who are recommended from affiliated community partners.

Community Partners include:

- Cheyenne River Sioux Title 1 Program (South Dakota)
- Tabernacle Community Development Center, Inc. (Kansas City, MO)
- Made Men, Inc. (Kansas City, KS)
- Full Circle Youth Program, Edgewood Homes Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority (Lawrence, KS).

College/University Partners include:

- The University of Kansas
- Haskell Indian Nations University

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Youth Achievement Program



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LEAD UP (LU)

LEAD UP (Leadership, Education, Adolescent Development and Unlimited Potential) Youth Achievement Program, provides leadership and college preparation support to high school youth who are racial and ethnic and are interested in pursuing a college education.

The LU **mission** is ***to prepare underrepresented youth to thrive in high school and college through positive leadership opportunities and college readiness supports that enhances their skills, resources, and social networks.***

LEAD UP also, provides youth with training and supports in Leadership development, life-skill development, and academic planning.

WHAT IS LEAD UP?

Participation in the program includes the following:

- **LEAD UP Summer Academy** - Three-day college campus visit affords LEAD UP Achievers the opportunity to receive academic and college prep training, experience resident life by residing in the dorm and eating in the cafeteria, and receive guidance, coaching and learn from KU LEAD UP Advisory Board Members who are college staff, faculty, and students.
- **LEAD UP Service** - During the LU Summer Academy, Achievers participate in community service activities.
- **LEAD UP Collaboratory**- The LU Collaboratory provides Achievers and their parents/guardians with an online hub to stay connected with the LU Advisory Board Members and other LU Achievers.
- **LU Tips and Tools Blog**- LEAD UP Advisory Board members post online resources and short video blogs that LU Achievers and parents/guardians can access.
- **LU Success Stories**- The accomplishments of LU Achievers are recognized and shared with other youth, parents/guardians, and advisory board members.



WHY IS LEAD UP IMPORTANT?

LEAD UP offers unique opportunities for underrepresented youth, including:

- Provides multiple opportunities for minority youth to ***visit a college campus*** including the University of Kansas, Haskell University, and other partner network colleges.
- Promotes engagement, interactions, and the ***development of positive social networks*** between LEAD UP youth participants and parents, college students and peer advisors, and college faculty and staff.
- ***Develops college readiness and leadership skills*** of LU Achievers that supports high school and college completion.
- Provides ***access to staff, faculty and students*** in college campuses to gain their insight, knowledge, and expertise for how to prepare and be successful in college.



LEAD UP Achievers with a KU Athletic Panel