Sowing the Seeds of Success: Community Collaboration for College Readiness

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**Sixth-Grade Students**
A local middle school targeted by the district for improvement
Most students from families with low socioeconomic status
Will receive scholarship money to participating Michigan institutions upon graduation from high school

**Information Literacy**
Weekly hour-long research skill workshops led by academic librarians
Workshops take place during the school day, in the 6th grade reading class
Students work through the research process and create a formal presentation
Curriculum focuses on the basic concepts of information literacy

**University Students**
Education students enrolled in EDF 315: Diverse Perspectives in Education
Work as research mentors to the sixth-graders in the weekly workshops
Assist in assessing individual student mastery of research skills
Receive service learning credit and classroom experience

**Community Partners**
University Libraries
College of Education
Community Foundation
Middle School teachers & administrators
University Office of Multicultural Affairs
University Office of Inclusion & Equity
Univeristy Office of Academic Services

**Outcomes**
University exhibit event of research projects for students and families
Transferable information literacy skills for sixth-graders
Community service learning experience for university students
Building college awareness among families and school community