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
University 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