



9 COORDINATORS
5 MIDDLE SCHOOLS
4 HIGH SCHOOLS IN
APPLETON & MENASHA

STAR

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IMPACT REPORT

STAR (Scholars on Target to Achieve Results) is a culturally responsive academic engagement support program for middle and high school Black / African American students in the Appleton and Menasha school districts. Significant disparities exist in educational attainment based on race. STAR was created to help reduce the racial disparity in academic achievement.

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**SCHOLARS
SERVED TO DATE**

2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

33,593
TOTAL CONTACTS*

21
SENIORS 

386
SCHOLARS

 **76%**
GRADUATED



116 NEW
SCHOLARS

*Includes contacts with Scholars, families, school staff, and other agencies.

"Being able to have 1-on-1 meetings with someone that I knew really cared about me, respected me as a black female in a predominately white high school, and wanted me to succeed in everything I did was a game changer for me."

-Olivia, STAR Scholar



Olivia first joined STAR two years ago at a time when she was feeling anxious and overwhelmed about everything she needed to do to prepare for college.

Her STAR Coordinator, Dennetra was there for her every step of the way. She helped edit essays, applications, set aside time to have all of her STAR Scholars search and apply for scholarships and more. Olivia shared "There is no way I could have gotten two full tuition scholarships without the help of Ms. Dennetra." STAR helped Olivia become a more confident Scholar.

This recent Appleton North High School graduate will be attending UW-Madison this fall.

"(STAR) has helped me achieve my goals throughout high school and never doubted me when I was doubting myself."

-Ceci, STAR Scholar



Ceci joined STAR her freshman year in hopes it would help her get motivated to do her best in school.

She shared that STAR was a tremendous supporter for her knowing she always had her STAR Coordinator, Tori to talk to about whatever she was going through.

STAR OBJECTIVES

Increase
School
Engagement



Improve
Graduation
Rates



Improve Post
Secondary
Enrollment

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STAR SCHOLAR VOICE

Results from recent Scholar survey about their experience with STAR in the 2019-2020 school year.

"(STAR) helped me feel comfortable in my skin."

- Appleton North High School Scholar

MY STAR COORDINATOR...

Showed they believed in me and my ability to succeed.

- Inspired me to see new possibilities for my future. (93% agreed)
- Worked with me to **solve problems and reach goals.** (98% agreed)
- **Challenged me to work harder** and/or do better. (94% agreed)



97%
AGREED



WORKING WITH STAR HELPED ME...

Make progress toward my academic goals.

- Feel **proud of who I am.** (81% agreed)
- Feel **connected to my cultural** identity. (85% agreed)
- Learn and/or practice **healthy ways to deal with challenges.** (85% agreed)

90%
AGREED



"(STAR) helped me realize how beautiful my culture is and that I can do anything."

- Menasha High School Scholar

"They not only helped me with my school performance, but they helped me feel like I belong. That's a problem I've had for a while but they make me feel important."

- Appleton West High School Scholar

89%

**OF SCHOLARS
FEEL A SENSE OF
HOPE FOR THE
FUTURE.**

"I felt way better when it came to school and I knew that I could do anything I put my mind to as long as I worked hard."

- Maplewood Middle School Scholar



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