#### 2019-2020

# **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.



515 SCHOLARS SERVED TO DATE

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.

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

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

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**CLUBS OF THE FOX VALLEY** 

33,593

**TOTAL CONTACTS\*** 

386

**SCHOLARS** 



21

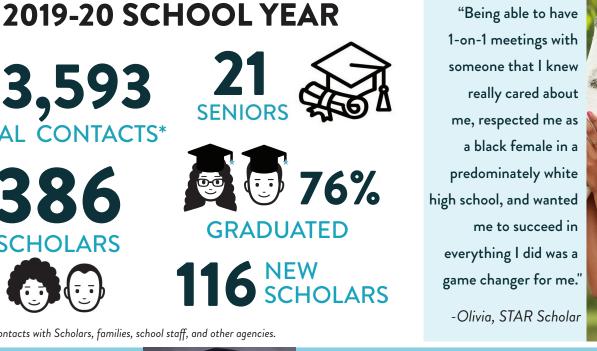
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Ceci joined STAR her freshman year in hopes it would help her get motivated to do her best in school.

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.



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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)

### WORKING WITH STAR HELPED ME...

#### Make progress toward my academic goals. 90%

AGREED

- 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)

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

97%

- 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. " 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."



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