

A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

IMPACT REPORT

STAR (Scholars on Target to Achieve Results) is a culturally-responsive academic engagement initiative that works to build equitable education opportunities for Black Scholars in the Fox Cities.



538
SCHOLARS
SERVED TO DATE

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR



30 SENIORS SENIORS



GRADUATED

"STAR helped me just to be myself... it taught me that the stereotypes of how African Americans should act are not who we are...we can be who we want to be."

-Michael, STAR Scholar



Michael may only be 16 years old, but that hasn't stopped this driven young person from graduating a year early from Appleton West High School.

Michael credits STAR and his STAR
Coordinator, Sherman, for helping him
embrace his culture and heritage and
encouraging him to continue driving towards
his dreams. STAR helped Michael stay
focused, succeed in the classroom, and
prepare for life after high school by exposing
him to personal financial management, job
possibilities, college options, and more.

Michael plans to pursue a degree in dental hygiene from UW-Fox Valley and then business development to one day open a business of his own.

"No matter what a student wants to accomplish, STAR will be there to assist and guide in any way possible along the way."

-Olivia, Former STAR Scholar/ Current STAR Support Specialist



Reflecting on her time as a STAR Scholar, Olivia recalls how her STAR Coordinator's guidance, encouragement, and care helped her stay committed to her goals. Olivia is now helping other STAR Scholars achieve their dreams while she continues her studies at UW-Madison.

95%

of Scholars agreed that their STAR Coordinator helped them solve problems and reach their goals.

93%

of Scholars believe working with STAR inspired them to see new possibilities for their future.

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Meet the **STAR Team**

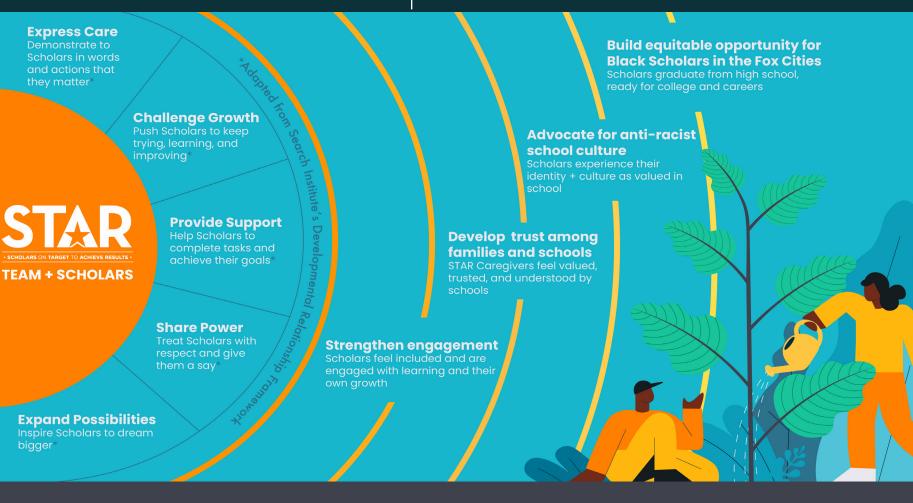
(Left to Right) Tanner Bump, Kayla McNamara, Enyá Roach, Frog Allen, Irineo Medina, Sherman Calloway, Kike Tomori, and Dennetra Williams

Strength & Resilience

- STAR Scholars showed resilience through COVID-19 with 90% graduating and most reporting academic progress despite unprecedented barriers.
- Changes with newly refined focus on one school district starting in 2021-22 include:
- -Menasha STAR Scholars will be supported during after school groups at BGC of Menasha -Former MJSD Coordinator will transition to support STAR Scholars at Appleton East HS
- -STAR services will expand with an additional full-time position at Appleton North HS
- -Structure of program is growing to expand reach (volunteers, interns, and part-time staff)

Building Opportunity

Reflection + Learning



Building Equity

Building Developmental Relationships