

ACCESS

ADMINISTRATION OF COLLEGE & CAREER EXPLORATION FOR SKINNER STUDENTS

Offered by

NORTHWEST DENVER NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER FRIENDS

Starting Friday, September 27 (3:00pm-5:00pm)

OVERVIEW

The purpose of the ACCESS program is to engage Skinner students to actively think about their future plans while surrounding themselves with supportive peers and staff. Through guided, hands-on learning, students participate in career-oriented activities, gain exposure to college, and research/reflect on potential careers in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Business. Instructors, along with the Student ACCESS Ambassadors, lead the afterschool program to help enrolled students form a future vision, while confronting relevant teen/pre-teen issues. Consistently visiting local businesses, colleges/ universities, and recruiting community leaders as speakers will enable students to refine their vision and create a final project. At the end of the year, ACCESS will host a celebration during which students present their future plans to family and peers.

In addition to the afterschool component, middle school students in Northwest Denver may have the opportunity to apply to several summer camps at local colleges and universities in 2019. With access to high-level instruction and technology, these camps provide attendees with invaluable learning opportunities and positive social supports that help combat the negative consequences of Summer Slide.

EXPECTATIONS

Students must apply to this program with assistance from a parent/guardian. Enrolled students must attend all Friday sessions, and any other planned weekend events/activities. While having fun and eating well are staples of the program, each student must work diligently and collaboratively with staff and peers.

Staff must work with one another to develop structured, innovative, and FUN lessons plans each week. Each instructor of the NWDNC will undergo a background check and all adults in contact with students will interact with them in a professional, positive manner.

STAFF

Nicolas Aragon, Program Director

Dirk Boden, Executive Advisor

Nicholas Gallegos, Instructor

Each staff member has a unique career trajectory and will provide invaluable insight to multiple career pathways. In addition to core staff, we aim to add several collegiate advisors to strengthen student relationships, assist with recruitment, and apply college curriculum to introductory middle school activities.

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