Project Success asks students ‘WHAT’S NEXT?’

Whittier-based program helps Minneapolis students plan for life after high school

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Project Success addresses what is probably the most pressing question confronting teenagers: what do you want to do when you grow up?

Since 1996, Project Success (FS), a Whittier neighborhood nonprofit, has helped over 20,000 students prepare for life after high school by getting them to think about what they want to do with their lives. The program sponsors monthly workshops in the English classes of all Minneapolis schools, including South and Southwest high schools and Anwatin Middle School.

Adrienne Darceli, Project Success’s executive director and founder, recognized the need for such a program while attending California’s Whittier College. She noticed that instead of pursuing their dream job — or in some cases the one related to their college major — many of her classmates took the first available job.

“They got a degree for which they paid a lot of money but did not set and really dream and plan and strategize what they were going to do with their lives,” Darceli said.

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