

# Objectives

By linking schools, community, and business partnerships in academic achievement through student support and college preparation programs, the Foundation will:

- Increase student academic levels and achievement
- Increase the opportunity for students to access postsecondary education and to be successful
- Increase parent/guardian involvement in student learning and college access awareness and readiness
- Increase graduation rate
- Develop community leaders and a more educated community

# Mission

The Greater Edgewood Education Foundation (GEEF) is a partnership of diverse community members who will build community partnerships that will raise public awareness, pride, and support for the quality of education in the Greater Edgewood Area Schools and enhance educational opportunities for its students.

# Vision

The Greater Edgewood Education Foundation promotes, builds, and supports positive public relations and productive partnerships to increase student achievement and community pride.

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## Partners of College Pathways

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***Building Partnerships ~  
Achieving Dreams***

# College

# Pathways



*Helping students reach  
personal goals, graduate  
from high school,  
and be prepared for  
higher education*



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**Greater Edgewood  
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## ***Program Overview***

College Pathways is a K – 12 program designed to work with elementary and middle school students to prepare them for high school, and it provides high school students motivation, academic and social support to graduate from high school and complete a program of post-secondary education.

The program focuses on supports for all students through:

- Development of critical thinking skills and personal goal setting
- Individual attention and strong social support
- Encourage rigorous courses and high expectations
- Parent engagement to increase support for students and to increase parents' access to K-12 educational outcomes and college information
- Strong academic and social support through peer mentors and networking
- Service to the Community
- Financial Aid and Scholarships

Students and parents who participate in the College Pathways program will receive a wide variety of tools and services to make college a reality. In addition, students will be eligible for scholarship support with priority given to first-generation college bound students.

## ***Program Requirements***

### **Grades K – 5**

- Students participate in goal setting, learning achievement, and career development activities through the Baldrige Classroom Learning System
- Parents/guardians participate in three Parent Academy workshops to support their role in their child's educational development. The workshops are:
  - Homework Tools and Strategies
  - Financial Planning for College
  - Community Resources
- Peer support and networking through middle school peer mentoring
- Maintain high attendance rate

### **Grades 6 – 8**

- Students continue their participation in goal setting and critical thinking development through the Baldrige Classroom Learning System
- Students and parents participate in Career Exploration activities and learn about Career Pathways
- Students attend the Youth Leadership Academy and participate in ongoing leadership retreats
- Parents/guardians attend a Parent Academy workshop on college readiness and expectations
- Parents receive a College Pathways College Planning Guide
- Peer support and networking through high school peer mentoring
- Maintain high attendance rate

### **Grades 9 – 12**

- Enrollment in rigorous coursework as outlined in the Maryland Scholars Program and maintain a 2.5 GPA
- Maintain a high attendance rate
- Participate in community service activities as outlined in the program
- Receive support and mentoring provided through business and community leaders
- Parents/guardians attend workshop on college preparation with hands on support to complete FAFSA and scholarship forms
- Complete program application for scholarship funding with two letters of recommendation