

Higher education, anchors institutions and college and career readiness

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#### Camden and its Schools

- Challenged and youthful city
  - 44% age 24 and younger (US Census)
- In 2013, of the 75 most distressed schools in New Jersey, 23 were in Camden, with just 1% of state population
- In 2013 Governor Christie took full control over the schools
  - Advisory board, state appointed superintendent, creation of Renaissance schools
- Among seniors, just 18% reached proficiency in mathematics last year; districts with comparable demographics had 48% proficiency
- Graduation rate increased to 64% in 2015 from 41% in 2012



### Rutgers-Camden K-12 Initiatives

#### Goals

- To develop partnerships and strategies that help achieve better outcomes for students, families and Camden communities.
- To increase academic achievement and create pipeline to higher education

#### Initiatives

- College access
  - Rutgers Future Scholars
  - Hill Family Center for College Access
  - Camden College Access Network
- University-Assisted Community Schools
  - Rutgers North Camden Schools Partnership

### Rutgers Future Scholars

- 1000 Scholars university-wide
- 250 Scholars grades 8-12 in Camden
- Academic pipeline to Rutgers University
- Year round programming
- Tutoring/mentoring, academic enrichment, SAT classes, college credit courses
- 4-year tuition scholarship to Rutgers University
- 100 Camden Scholars in college



## The Hill Family Center for College Access

- Launched in 2011
- Services
  - Post-secondary advising
  - College pathway sessions
  - Academic Assistance
  - Early College Awareness
  - Parental Support
- 447 students served 2014-2015, over 1500 since opening



### Camden City College Access Network

- Rutgers-Camden, Rowan University, Camden County College and Camden City School District
- Collective, strategic approach to college access initiatives
- Coordinated application assistance, FAFSA support, college tours, recruitment

### Rutgers North Camden Schools Partnership

- University Assisted Community Schools
- 4 schools in North Camden (public, renaissance, parochial) serving over 400 youth in grades 4 - 8
- Ignite
  - Expanded learning 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC
  - STEM focused
  - Parent engagement
  - Summer programming on Rutgers campus
  - Pipeline to college access programs
- Engaged Civic Learning, Community Partnerships, Educational Initiatives



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