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ASHTABULA

# ASHTABULA CAMPUS

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# Reducing the Financial Barriers to Attending College

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We need to determine what is right for Ashtabula and what is financially realistic

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## **Pell Eligible Students**

### **What is Pell?**

The Pell Grant is a Federal grant that is awarded to students who have not earned their first Bachelor's degree, who demonstrate financial need as determined by the information they provide on the FAFSA.

### **What is the cost of tuition at KSUA?**

Cost of Tuition for 2018-2019 for F/T students: \$6004.00

### **How much money does each student receive?**

The 2018-2019 Full Pell Amount for F/T students: \$6095.00

## Pell Eligible Students

- Aspire to college at lower rates
- Less prepared
  - Lower HS GPA
  - More likely to require remedial coursework
- Lower retention and graduation rates
- More likely to be academically dismissed

## Rising Scholars

### Proposal:

- Modeled after East Liverpool's Rural Scholars
- First generation college students
- Students who teachers recognize as having potential
- Foundations:
  - Mentoring
  - Academic and Career Preparation
  - Scholarships

## Rising Scholars

### Rooted in Community

- Campus Faculty and Staff
- School districts
- Business leaders
- Non-profits
- Scholars and Families

### Inaugural program at Ashtabula Area City Schools

Program Development	
Year 1:	Trust-building, mentor training, Advisory Board formation
Year 2:	First cohort of six 7th graders admitted
Year 7:	First cohort enters college and begins to mentor

## Rising Scholars

Estimated Cost Per Scholar	\$2,000 per year
Typical Program Costs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mentors</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program Coordinator</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clerical Support</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supplies</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Travel/Activities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meals/Catering</li></ul>
<b>Endowment Needed: \$3 Million</b>	



## Conclusions

- Regions with the highest levels of educational attainment are the places that are winning in a competitive and global economy.
- Supportive programming such as mentoring, and enrichment at a young age increase the likelihood of college success.
- Goal:
  - Increase the number of students enrolling in higher education who earn an associate degree and/or bachelors degree.

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# Questions & Discussion

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