

## College Reach-Out Program (CROP)

- ▶ The primary objective of CROP is to strengthen the educational motivation and preparation of low-income and educationally disadvantaged students in grades 6-12 to successfully complete a postsecondary education.
- ▶ Among the activities sponsored by the institutions are tutoring classes (in-school, after-school, and Saturdays), test preparation (PSAT, SAT, FCAT), college tours, summer residency programs, cultural events, and many other activities.
- ▶ Since 1990, CROP has served 105,397 students with 43,884 of them being new students since 1990.
- ▶ In program year 2004-05, CROP enrolled 8,546 students, and 38 postsecondary institutions served 448 schools located across 53 Florida counties.
- ▶ CROP serves students in schools that are classified in all grade levels (A – F).
- ▶ The racial/ethnic composition of the CROP cohort typically is as follows: 72% African American, 13% White, 11% Hispanic, 1% Asian, less than 1% American Indian and other ethnicities 3%. Programs are working on strategies to draw more Hispanic students into the program to reflect the changing demographics in Florida.
- ▶ Females outnumbered males in CROP by a substantial majority. Sixty-one percent (61%) of all CROP participants are female and thirty-nine percent (39%) are male.
- ▶ Three percent (3%) of all CROP participants are students with disabilities.
- ▶ Approximately sixty-three percent (63%) of CROP students enrolled in a community college maintain a GPA above 2.0; and eighty-five percent (85%) enrolled in a state university maintain a GPA above 2.0.
- ▶ Approximately ninety-six percent (96%) of CROP graduates were found to be enrolled in postsecondary education, employed, or in the military, compared to approximately fifty-six percent (56%) of the random cohort with similar characteristics.
- ▶ \$3,199,990 was appropriated for 2005-06. \$153,450 of the appropriated money is used for Program Administration and Evaluation, which includes professional DOE staff, site visits, annual conferences, advisory meetings, etc. \$3,046,540 of the appropriated money is split among the institutions.
- ▶ All state universities except New College of Florida and the University of North Florida are sponsoring a program this year.
- ▶ Four independent institutions participate (Barry University, Flagler College, Florida Memorial, and Jacksonville University).
- ▶ Twenty-five community colleges are involved in the program.
- ▶ In project year 2004-05, approximately \$1,651,900 in cash was invested in the program by the institutions. An additional in-kind contribution of \$799,000 was invested by the institutions (services, facilities, transportation, supplies, etc.).