

# COLLEGE LAUNCH

## QUICK GUIDE



**College LAUNCH (Learn. Achieve. Understand. Network. Commit. Help.) for Leadership** is a **FREE** nine-month college preparatory program that focuses on social justice and leadership development. Our program serves **high performing, underrepresented high school juniors** in the Charlotte and Winston-Salem area.

- Last year, **100% of College LAUNCH Alumni** were admitted into college!
- Our program is not a Wake Forest pipeline program. Rather, we promote attending (and graduating) from college and empowering LAUNCH scholars to use their unique **experiences, talents, and knowledge to impact social change**.
- Saturday Summits take place once a month from 9 am – 2 pm. Each Saturday Summit has individual **college preparation and social justice themes**.
- LAUNCH Scholars are required to attend at least 8 out of 9 Saturday Summits and must provide their own transportation.
- LAUNCH Scholars must work in groups to complete a **Youth Participatory Action Research Project**, which explores a need in their community and gathers research to suggest possible solutions. YPAR Projects are presented at the graduation ceremony in May.
- Outside of Saturday Summits, LAUNCH Scholars must submit their report card for each quarter and complete monthly journal responses (Journal Prompts are from the Common App Essay Questions).
- We offer a **Winston-Salem** and a **Charlotte** cohort. Each cohort's capacity is 50-60 scholars.
- LAUNCH Scholars are **eligible for scholarships to attend WFU Summer Immersion Programs**.
- Application requirements: online application, a recommendation from school personnel, essay responses, and a copy of their transcript (including 9th and 10th grade grades).
- Our **application for the 2022-2023 year is currently open** at [collegelaunch.wfu.edu](https://collegelaunch.wfu.edu). If students apply by our priority deadline of March 4, they will receive their decision by March 11. All other students who apply by June 10, 2022 will receive their decision by July 22, 2022.

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