



# If we build it, will they come?

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A small school approach to supporting students of  
color in the sciences

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# Overview

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# Wheaton Population

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- 1500 Students
- Former Women's College
- 4 year Liberal Arts College
- Science Population



# Why Do A Science Cohort?

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- On going support vs. Science Conference
- Need to retain students in the Sciences



# Wheaton Science Cohort

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- On going workshops
- Support for Conferences
- Grants for books and research
- January Chemistry Program
- Science Banquet



# Benefit to Students

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- Internship Opportunities
  - Battelle – bioenvironmental research
  - Raytheon
- Assistance with academic planning
  - graduate school/career options
- Networking between science students



# What we've learned

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- There is a need for program
- Science is not for everyone
- Science Faculty need to play role
- Start small
- Strong marketing and networking needed



# Next Steps

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- Increase funding
- Recruit more students
- Recruit more Faculty
- Expand program



# How to start your own program

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- Know your student population
- Gain support from faculty and Administrators
- Identify needs
- Start Small