PROJECT EXCEL is a Massachusetts Educational Opportunity Program funded by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education and administered by Mount Wachusett Community College. Project Excel is an early college awareness program offered to 60 targeted youth at B.F. Brown & Academy Middle Schools in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and Samoset & Southeast Middle Schools in Leominster, Massachusetts. Project Excel specifically targets middle school students (grades 6-8) for ongoing basic skills instruction, Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Survey (MCAS) tutoring, academic and early college counseling, career exploration workshops that prepare students for the academic and social transition to high school, as well as encourages students’ enrollment into college level courses. Additionally, this innovative program will offer 1,500 students multicultural enrichment activities, diversity and leadership training, mentoring programs and community service opportunities.

Students participating in this early college awareness initiative will be better prepared to make informed course selections, to clarify their career choices and increase the opportunity for acceptance into the colleges and universities of their choice. A combination of classroom and field experiences will integrate the study of applied math, science, reading, writing, social studies and computer applications. The program will also offer after school activities such as remedial instruction and study skills workshops that promote student achievement and early planning for college.

Project Excel involves families in their student’s educational lives. Family events will take place at the school sites and at MWCC to orient families to the program, to disseminate college access information and to educate them on the forms of technology that are over taking everyday life. The program will attempt to bridge the digital divide with students by using different media resources during workshops and one-on-one tutoring sessions. Project Excel is a Massachusetts Educational Opportunity Program, which is 100% funded by the Board of Higher Education. Total funding for this year is $ 50,000.

If you have a disability and may require accommodations in order to participate fully in program activities, please contact Pati Gregson, Associate Dean of the program, to discuss your specific needs at 978-630-9248.


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