



# Schenectady Smart Scholars Early College High School

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## Overview

- We are an ECHS serving over 400 students within Schenectady High School
- This June, our first cohort will be graduating
- Currently interviewing Cohort 3 candidates
- Academic pathways include: Humanities, Business, STEM, and CTE
- Summer college courses begin June 30 for all current and incoming students

# Program Demographics

(as of May 14, 2014)

- 410 total students in Cohort 1 and Cohort 2
  - Female: 59%
  - Male: 41%
  - Asian: 36%
  - African-American: 23%
  - Hispanic: 13%
  - White: 36%

# Program Highlights

- To date:
  - Collectively, students have earned over 1200 college credits
  - Seniors have earned, on average, 16 credits (August 2010-February 2014) with an additional 6 credits, on average, being earned during the current semester
  - Donation from The Schenectady Foundation provides funding for graphing calculators, assistance with tuition, summer transportation, and tutoring support for students

# Early College Components

## Freshman Success Seminar

- First college course for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- Activates their SCCC transcript upon completion

## Examples of dual enrollment courses at SHS (earn high school and college credit)

- College Composition/Introduction to Literature
- Introduction to Computers
- Business Math

## Examples of available courses at SCCC

- Western Civilization
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Materials Science

# Some of the schools to which our seniors have been accepted:

- Buffalo State
- College of St. Rose
- LeMoyne College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Russell Sage College
- Schenectady County Community College
- SUNY New Paltz
- University of Buffalo

# Looking ahead...

The Schenectady Smart Scholars ECHS Program will continue to:

- Support students in successfully completing high school while preparing them to transition to college and career
- Provide them the opportunity to earn at least 24 college credits before graduation
- Build lasting and sustainable relationships with community partners to continue providing effective programs and services to the students of Schenectady High School