The Completion Problem

• For every 100 low-income students who start high school, only 65 earn a high school diploma and only 45 will enroll in college

Undeniable Results – Beating the Odds

• Seeded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Early Colleges remove barriers to post-secondary access and increase high school and college completion rates

• Ben Davis University High School graduated 100% of its students in 2011, 2012 and 2013

• In 2012, 92% of the students proceeded to postsecondary institutions

Population Served

• Low-Income Youth
• First-Generation College Goers
• English Language Learners
• Students of Color
• Other populations underrepresented in higher education
THE EARLY COLLEGE ADVANTAGE

• Based on current data, the projected savings for each Early College student completing 60 credit hours is over $13,500
• Decreased textbook costs
• 50-100% reduction in tuition costs
• Students leave Early College with NO DEBT

13,000 credit hours were earned by Early College students during the 2011-2012 year
Over 200 degrees have been awarded to Early College students
Flexible and Customizable
Vincennes University Early College models can be customized to the needs of a school corporation

Current Early College models
- Stand-Alone
- School Within A School
- Conversion High School
- Career and Technical
THE EARLY COLLEGE MODELS

Stand-Alone Early College

Ben Davis University
East Allen University

- Site is separate from the current high school
- Scholars earn a Core 40 high school diploma while earning college credits toward an associate degree from VU through structured dual credit opportunities
- Students are no longer eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities at their former school

School Within A School

Center Grove Early College

- A wing of the larger high school is dedicated to serve as the site for the early college program
- Concurrent Core 40 and Associate Degree program
- Students participate in extra-curricular activities associated with Center Grove High School as time allows
Conversion High School
*Washington High School*
*Lawrenceburg High School*

- High School is converted to an Early College
- All students are allowed to participate if they are academically on grade level and wish to take college courses
- Students participate in extra-curricular activities as time allows

Career and Technical Early Colleges
*Hammond Area Career Center Early College*
*Career Academy University*

- Partnerships with Career and Technical Centers throughout Indiana
- Designed to provide high school students with the opportunity to earn an A.S. degree, or make significant progress toward in a degree, in one of the many career and technical areas that Vincennes University offers (Advanced CNC Manufacturing, Computer-Integrated Manufacturing & Robotics, Precision Manufacturing, etc.)
The Summer Residential Experience “X-Mester”

• Two-week, on-campus experience simulating the first year on a college campus

• Allows students to live in residence halls, earn college credit at reduced costs, learn independence and build leadership skills

• Supported by fellows, graduate-level students from across the country who serve as teaching assistants and mentors

“X-mester provides students with the wonderful opportunity to gain college experience while in high school. For two weeks, students are exposed to a comprehensive model based on curricular and co-curricular programming. X-mester truly gives these students an edge on their peers as they enter the higher education arena.” Greg Harrell, X-mester Fellow
The Impact of Early College