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WE FOUND THE RICH SUPPLY OF ENDLESS TALENT THAT AMERICAN BUSINESSES ARE DEMANDING BUT **WE CAN ONLY GET THEM READY FOR THEIR FUTURE WITH YOUR HELP.**



ONE UNEMPLOYED YOUTH COSTS

**\$14,000**

TO TAXPAYERS EVERY YEAR

## Path to Dependency

There are **six million youth** who are neither in school nor working. Researchers say this current slump will impact future opportunities with each year of missed work translating into as much as 3% reduced earnings for each year to come. In fact, just six months of unemployment can shave **\$22,000 off a young person's income over ten years of work.** Lack of work experience makes it harder to find work while a lack of resources makes it harder to go to college. Every unemployed youth costs taxpayers \$14,000 dollars per year. That is an annual **\$84 billion dollar drain** America can't afford.

FEMALE GRADUATE SALARY

**\$39,256**

## Path to Low Wage

The average female college graduate earns \$39,256 annually while the average STEM career salary is \$77,880. That means, every girl who chooses not to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering or Math in her future chooses to earn about **\$2 million dollars less** over the course of her lifetime. In total, the persistent student academic achievement gap between America and other globally competitive nations deprive the US economy of over **\$2.3 trillion** in economic output.



## Path to Independence

According to a US Chamber of Commerce study, **82% of employees would hire our students** over students who didn't experience Jobs for Florida's Graduates. Perhaps that's why our most recent graduates earn **\$1,082 more per year** above minimum wage. Combined, employed Jobs for Florida's Graduates alumni (2007 to 2013) will earn \$34 million dollars this year and pay an estimated **\$8.5 million in taxes.** With 65% of our graduates employed and 22% enrolled in college, our alumni are out performing their peers; 25% of whom are working and 12% of whom are in college.

TECH CAREER SALARY

**\$77,880**

## Path to High Wage

Girls Get I.T. alumni show a marked improvement in their interest in STEM courses with 20% reporting an increased interest in a career in science, 40% feeling more confident about their ability to earn a degree in science and 50% feeling strongly about their ability to pursue a career in science. If even half of them succeed in those goals, their collective income would **increase by \$8.75 million** annually or **\$394.0 million** over their work lives.



**50%**

OF TECH DEGREES AWARDED TO FOREIGN RESIDENTS

## Path to Disadvantage

The U.S. has **7.6 million STEM-related jobs.** With an average of 300,000 of those jobs left unfilled and the growth of STEM careers nearly doubling other careers, individual American competitiveness is an urgent matter. As of 2011, of the 580,000 STEM college graduates, nearly **half were awarded to foreign residents here on temporary visas.** Minorities who major in STEM but don't pursue STEM careers earn 25% more than their peers while those who do pursue STEM careers earn 50% more.

STUDENTS WHO TAKE VOICE EARN

**\$329 MILLION**

MORE OVER THEIR CAREERS



## Path to Competitive Advantage

After experiencing VOICE, 21% of students report that they intend to major in a multi-media related degree while 19% of students have decided to seek a degree in a creative field, 14% have chosen a science related degree and 11% are planning on a degree in technology. If even only half of those students succeed, they will generate a collective income of an additional **\$7 million** per year or **\$329 million over their work lives.**

## 5 MILLION STUDENTS ABSENT

### Path to Disengagement

Over **5 million students are chronically absent** from school; 15% of whom cite bullying as the reason. Both Johns Hopkins University and the National Governors Association have consistently found that chronic absenteeism is the strongest predictor of dropping out of high school. A pattern of **absenteeism costs roughly \$3,600 per year** for each hourly worker while The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index found that, chronic absenteeism results in \$84 billion in lost productivity.

## 7 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO QUIT

### Path to Engagement

SUPERB students report a stronger sense of belonging in their schools and commitment to personal responsibility. After completing the program, 30% more students reported that they were comfortable helping their peers resolve conflict. 34% of students felt more confident sharing their ideas in a group setting. 44% of students reported that they stopped making fun of others and **38% reported an increase in being dependable** by keeping their word to others.

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