



# CONNECTING STUDENTS TO A GREATER PHILADELPHIA\*

\* Formerly known as the Knowledge Industry Partnership

## **Advantage: Education**

- The Philadelphia region has over **80** colleges and universities, which enroll more than **300,000** students
- More than **60,000** degrees are conferred by these colleges and universities every year

**“A demographic wave is sweeping across our nation. As cities move to a **knowledge-based economy**, the kind of **talented people** each area **attracts** will determine whether it wins or loses in the campaign for **future prosperity**”**

- Joe Cortright, “Young and Restless



PHILADELPHIA IS  
**onebigcampus**



Applications  
Enrollments



Affinity for  
region



Internships  
Connections





**\$1,000,000 COMMITMENT  
TO SUPPORT  
ORGANIZATIONAL  
TRANSITION AND GROWTH**

**Past and current partner organizations**



# Initial Planning

## Program Goal:

**To Increase levels of student involvement in Greater Philadelphia**

## First Steps:

- **Meeting with campus service offices**
- **Understanding current student behaviors**

# Research

## Focus Groups

- **Drexel**
- **CCP**

## Survey

- **Active through March 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Tracking current levels of involvement and behaviors**
- **[www.campusphilly.org/survey](http://www.campusphilly.org/survey)**

## **Preliminary Survey Findings**

- **Involvement Rate: 83%**
- **Hours involved per semester: 43% 10-0, 35% 10-50**
- **Most common activities**
- **Reasons for current involvement**
- **Information sources**
- **Reasons for increased involvement**

## **Project Approach**

- **Group Involvement (high volume-low contact)**
- **Individual Involvement (low volume-high contact)**
- **Impact Considerations**



## **Project Scope**

- **Best Practices Implementation**
- **Targeted Programming Calendar**
- **Website and Mailing List**

# **Best Practices Implementation**

- **Work-Study Guide**
- **Non-profit Internship Guide**
- **Student Volunteering Guide**
- **Mentoring Guide**
- **Training Modules**

## **Targeted Program Calendar**

- **Student Leaders Conference**
- **One day regional events: e.g. MLK Day and GPC Day activities**
- **Targeted campaigns: VITA, Reading**
- **Alternate Spring Break: Philadelphia**
- **Mentoring**

## **Website and Mailing List**

- **Traditional and Reverse Volunteer Database**
- **Non-profit Internship Network**
- **Online Resource Center**
  - **E-newsletter**
  - **Best Practices Content**
  - **Student Involvement Listings Calendar**
  - **Partner Content**