



LEADING YOUTH THROUGH EMPOWERMENT



OUR SCHOLARS

LYTE serves a broad spectrum of hardworking low- to moderate-income students in grades eight through college.

700

active
LYTE Scholars

78%

are low- to
moderate-income

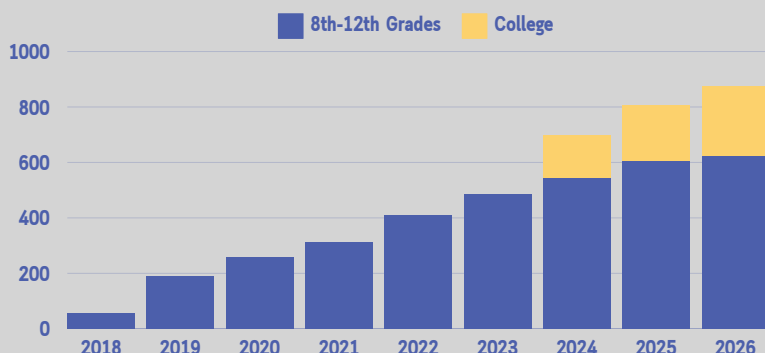
100%

are accepted
to college

\$9.3 MILLION

amount of scholarships and financial aid secured by LYTE Scholars in 2024

ACTIVE LYTE SCHOLARS



OUR MISSION

At Leading Youth Through Empowerment (LYTE), we believe that educational success is foundational to lifelong success. LYTE changes the trajectory of economically disadvantaged youth by preparing middle school students to attend and succeed at competitive high school programs and then colleges, by providing personal mentoring, rigorous academic instruction, and leadership opportunities.

OUR PROGRAMS

CHANGING ACADEMIC TRAJECTORY

Middle School

- Summer & after-school classes for academic advancement (math & language arts)
- High school guidance, placement support, & choice application support
- Placement test preparation & free entrance exams
- High school fairs & information sessions
- High school bootcamp & setting SMART goals

SET YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE

Freshmen & Sophomores

- Course & academic schedule planning with a designated LYTE Advocate
- Direct advocacy in monthly in-school meetings & personalized success plans
- Monthly grade tracking & free tutoring services
- Skill building & professional development
- Paid internships & career development opportunities

HOME STRETCH

Juniors & Seniors

- One-on-one college application support, essay development, & editing with a LYTE Advocate
- Financial aid training & guidance for LYTE Scholars and their families (FAFSA and CSS Profile)
- Individual strategic planning for college selection
- SAT preparation classes
- College information sessions & college fairs

NEW HORIZONS

Post-Secondary Students

- Academic, financial, & career advising
- Professional skill-building, resume and cover letter workshops, networking, & practice interviews
- Certifications, paid internships & early career placements

CAREER PIPELINE

LYTE'S Career Pipeline Program provides career development support and paid internship opportunities for LYTE Scholars. Through this program, LYTE strives to develop a skilled and diverse workforce in Delaware. Our Career Pipeline Program encourages educated and accomplished LYTE Alumni to return to Delaware post-grad and become Delaware's next generation of leaders.

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PIPELINE MISSION: CLOSE THE LOOP

Delaware invested in LYTE Scholars. Now that they are accomplished, we're bringing them back to work in DE.

CAREER PIPELINES



GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATION



LAW



HEALTH
SCIENCES



MENTAL HEALTH &
SOCIAL SERVICES



BUSINESS



EDUCATION



IT & COMPUTER
SCIENCE



SCIENCE &
ENGINEERING

PIPELINE COMPONENTS (per student)

MIDDLE
SCHOOL

Introductory
Workshops
Field Trips

HIGH
SCHOOL

85 hrs Professional
Acumen Training
426 hrs Paid Internships
72 hrs Pipeline-Specific
Education & Networking

COLLEGE

Exposure to Post-
College Educational &
Career Opportunities
College Internship
Placement

79%

percentage of pipeline
students who opened
DE 529 accounts

\$120K

internship stipends
deposited into DE 529s
(2022-2023)

\$263K

total internship
stipends deposited
(2022-2023)

DE 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS

5x

DID YOU KNOW?

Students who have at least \$500 in savings are 5x more likely to graduate college.

As a part of our Career Pipeline Program, LYTE helps Scholars create DE 529 college savings accounts.