



IN REACH, INC.

Preparing Students For College, Work and Life



IN REACH is pleased to announce its new after school program, *The Quantum Project* in partnership with Charles Carroll Middle School in Prince George's County, Maryland. With support from the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), *The Quantum Project* has been designed to engage thirty (30) seventh grade students in college awareness and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) career planning activities.

Initiated in February 2009, students participate in a weekly session that includes completing web-based exercises on bewhatiwanttobe.com (a web resource for Maryland middle and high school students), positive youth development activities, and journaling. Resources include a monthly news page (The Quantum News, distributed school-wide), presentations by guest speakers, and field trips that will take students from the museums of the Smithsonian to the Baltimore Aquarium. The *Project* includes a two week day camp to be held in June and an important parent outreach component.

Since its first program implementation in 2001, **IN REACH** continues to address the issues of preparing students for college, work and life. These issues, ranging from under-performance in core academic areas to insufficient public investment in quality education and training options to prepare youth for 21st-century labor market opportunities are as pressing today as when **IN REACH** was founded ten years ago. Initially focusing on elementary-aged students during the afterschool hours, **IN REACH** has grown to include a community-based girls program for middle school students (the Girls Action Council formerly Girls Are Great!), and a youth leadership council for high school students at Northwestern High School.

***IN REACH** is a 501 (c)(3) community-focused, nonprofit organization that prepares students living in Prince George's County, Maryland for college, work and life. We envision a Prince George's County filled with healthy, productive and prepared young adults in every family.*

*For more information about **IN REACH** or The Quantum Project, please visit www.inreachinc.org or call 301.789.7250.*

Visit www.bewhatiwanttobe.com for more information about how to sign a middle or high school student up for a free account.

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