

Youth Venture

N.A.V.I.G.A.T.E. VENTURE TEAM



THE IDEA:

- Help immigrant Latino students attend college by providing them with accurate and detailed information
- Visit local high schools and organizations to get the word out about NAVIGATE and the resources it provides
- Encourage Latino youth by providing first-hand accounts/advice from other Latino students who are successfully attending colleges and universities

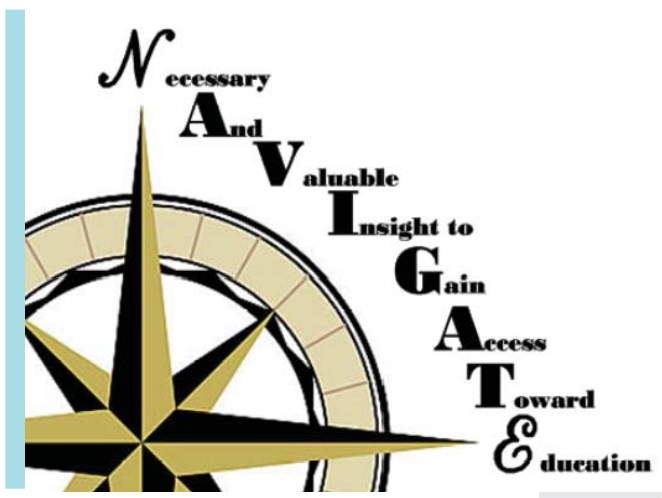
IMPACT:

- Launched an excellent website that organizes all of its materials, which will soon include a guidebook for college-bound Minnesota students
- Recruited five interns, in addition to the five core members and the team Ally, who are part of a steering committee and offer support to the project

Victor, Maria, Juve, Davis, and Ulises felt that many immigrant high school students were given inaccurate information about attending college. In many cases, they noticed that immigrant Latino students were getting discouraged and assuming that college was not an option for them. In an effort to encourage these Latino students to achieve their dreams and realize that there is hope for them to attend the colleges and universities of their choice, the students launched NAVIGATE as their Youth Venture.

NAVIGATE, which stands for Necessary And Valuable Insight to Gain Access To Education, is a Venture Team whose sole purpose is to provide accurate and honest information about higher education to immigrant Latino students. By providing pre-college Latino students with the tools they need to make the college admission/financing process easier, NAVIGATE hopes that more Latino youth will choose to attend some form of higher education.

All of the members of the NAVIGATE team are currently attending a college or university. They want to reach out to high schools and organizations in the area and provide their resources and first hand knowledge to as many potential students as possible. NAVIGATE has already developed a website (www.NavigateMN.org) that is packed with useful information for potential college students. A detailed guide for high school students, written exclusively for Minnesota readers, is currently being developed and will include scholarship lists and tools that can help immigrant students succeed.



“TURNING DISCOURAGEMENT INTO DETERMINATION AND THE WILL TO MAKE IT HAPPEN WAS THE TURNING POINT.”