

4-H Exploration Days

2019 Impact Report



Exploration Days is a three day campus-based pre-college program that is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Youth participants stay on campus in MSU residence halls and attend action-filled classroom and field trip sessions on a wide variety of topics. These topics include animal science, business & entrepreneurship,

language & culture, performing & visual arts, and science, engineering & technology.

Nearly 2,200 youth attended Exploration Days in 2019. Post-event evaluations revealed that participating youth gained important life skills like decision making, problem solving, and communication. Youth also reported feeling more prepared to attend college.



96% of youth plan to attend college



91% of youth built problem-solving skills



91% of youth feel more prepared for college

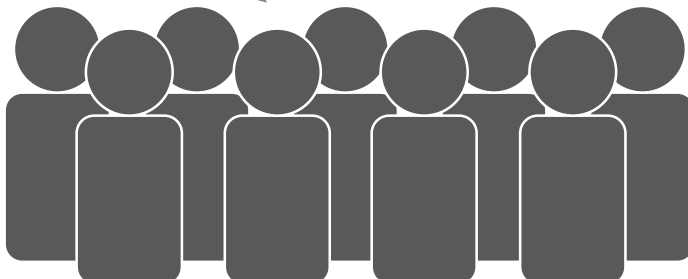


75% of youth are now interested in attending MSU

“4-H (Exploration Days) has impacted my future by **increasing my confidence** and my problem-solving abilities.”

“It helped me make new friends, made me be more independent, and gain more **leadership skills.**”

“It has allowed me to get out of my comfort zone by **meeting new people** and trying new things. It has opened my mind to the possibility of attending MSU!”



DID YOU KNOW?

Many participants in Michigan 4-H pre-college programs also become interested in specifically MSU. In fact, MSU is the #1 college choice for 4-H pre-college program alums.

-Michigan 4-H College Access Project 2018 Results