

Chicago Pre-College Science and Engineering Program

# Chicago Pre-College Science and Engineering Program (ChiS&E)

### STEM Smart Chicago Regional Workshop

Session: Equal Access to Quality STEM Experiences April 10, 2012

# **Session Outline**



Introduction

- DAPCEP A Proven Model
- How ChiS&E Came to Chicago Public Schools
- ChiS&E
- > Ensuring a Stellar Program
- Program Evaluation
- Final Q and A





# ChiS&E's perspective: It took... ✓ A proven model –

# RETURN ON

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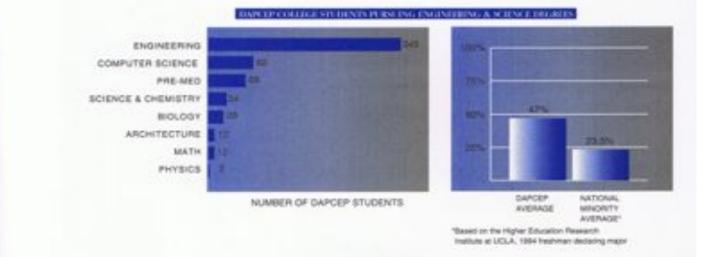


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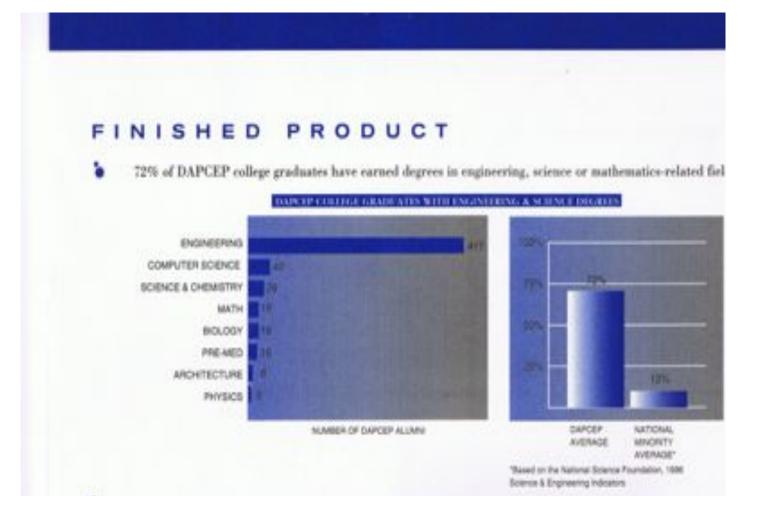
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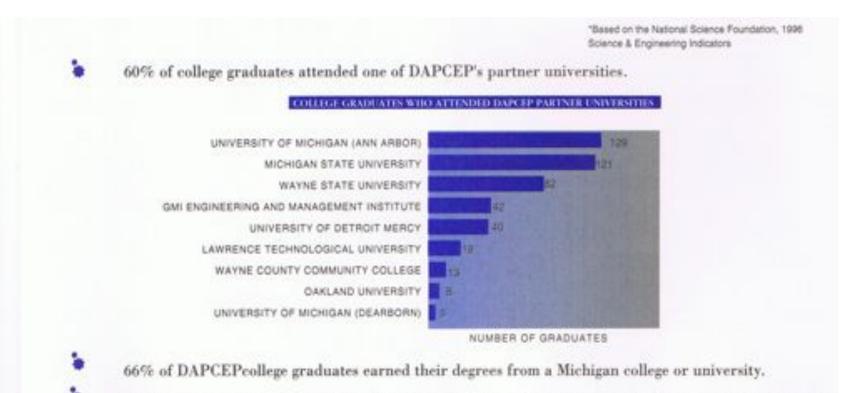
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### **ChiS&E – Current Program**



- A hands-on problem-based science and engineering program provided to K-3 students in seven Chicago elementary schools and their parents on four Saturdays per semester at the Museum of Science and Industry.
- Launched in 2009 and supported by NSF, Chase Foundation, Honda Foundation, Private Bank, and local corporations and foundations.



### **Participating Schools**

- Sir Miles Davis Elementary Engineering School
- Dvorak Technology Academy
- Pershing East Magnet School
- Spencer Technology Academy
- Wells Prep Elementary School
- Eli Whitney Technology Magnet Cluster School Woodlawn Elementary School

### **ChiS&E – Current Program**



### Participant Data 2011

Students (K-3)	166
Parents	166
Teachers/Faculty	15

### **ChiS&E – Current Program**



Grade K = Little Civil Engineer Grade 1 = Little Chemical Engineer Grade 2 = Little Electrical Engineer Grade 3 = Little Mechanical Engineer



Based on the K – 3 model developed by DAPCEP...

### ChS&E – Current Program



- ... plus Cyberlearning:
  - Computers, iPads, cameras, video cameras, and cell phones
  - Students and parents capturing stories, photos, and movies of their learning experience
  - Shared with schools, teachers, and fellow students; families, friends, and community
  - >Building knowledge, experience, confidence, and creativity with technology, while reinforcing learning

## **ChiS&E – Guiding Assumptions**



#1 – Students in the early elementary grades can grasp scientific and engineering concepts





## **ChiS&E – Guiding Assumptions**





#2 — Parents will make the commitment to learn alongside their children and support their learning outside the program sessions

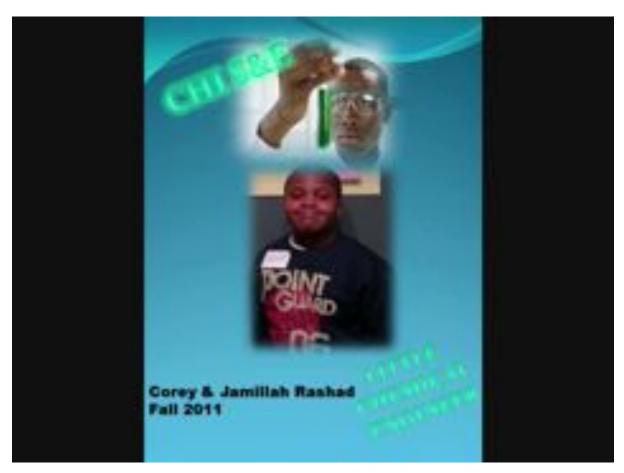




# ChiS&E – Cyberlearning + Parent Involvement



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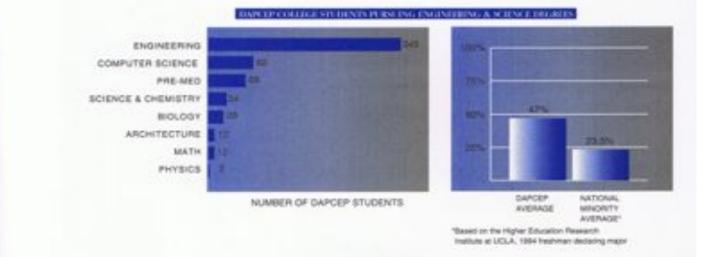


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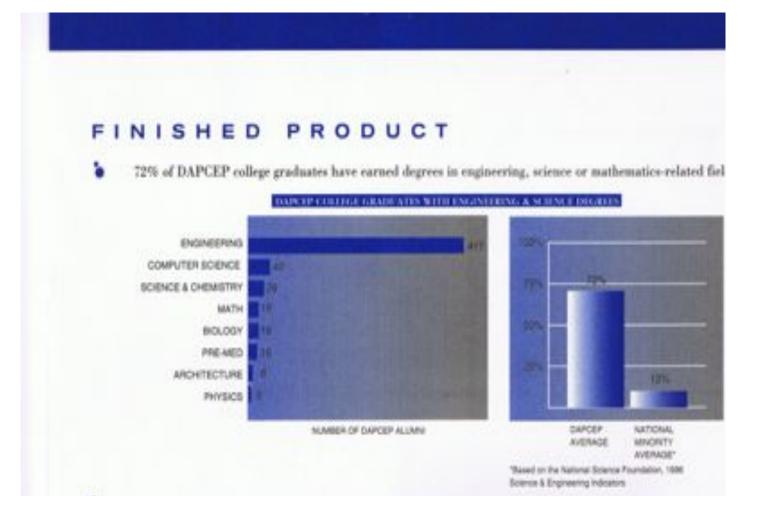
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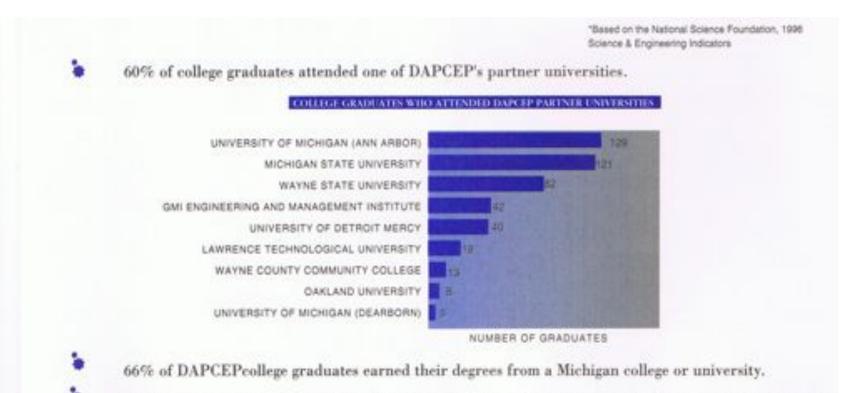
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- ChiS&E's perspective: It took...
- Local district buy-in
   Model program experts
   Major funders



District perspective: CPS asked...



- What results did DAPCEP produce?
- Who in Chicago/CPS is recommending it?
- Where in CPS does it belong? What CPS unit is committed to implementing it?
- ✓ Do principals, teachers, and parents want it?

District perspective: CPS also asked...



 Who from Detroit will train our teachers?
 Who will fund the new program in Chicago?
 Who in ChiS&E can win support from principals, parents, district and civic leaders, and funders and coordinate the program's many components?



District perspective: CPS provided...

- Introductions to school staff and school visits
- Funds and staff time to help develop the NSF proposal
- An administrative "home" in CPS for the program
- Timely assistance in addressing emerging programs needs

# **Building a Stellar Program**



What it takes:

- Involve master teachers from the model program
   Best Practice
- Ensure fidelity to key components of the model
   → Replication
- Support creativity among local teachers
  - $\rightarrow$  Innovation



# **Building a Stellar Program**



### What it takes:

- □ Engage local teachers in program development → Ownership
- Inspire and expect a commitment beyond "9 to 5" for all

### $\rightarrow$ Results

 Build local capacity through continued support from master model program educators
 Sustainability



## **ChiS&E in Action!**











# **ChiS&E - Evaluation**



Year One Evaluation: CEMSE\* Found...

- ChiS&E is implementing its theory of change.
- Participant attendance has remained consistent.
- The program is building parents' capacity to support their children's education.
- ChiS&E is preparing students to participate in the STEM fields.
- DAPCEP staff is preparing ChiS&E teachers to effectively engage students and parents.
- \*University of Chicago—Center for Elementary Math and Science Education

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