Growing to College
Urban Garden Youth Employment 2010

Growing to College builds on the success of the Arboretum’s Urban Garden programs by developing and offering activities that may increase the likelihood that participants will seek post-secondary education. Participants will include youth from all the age groups served by the Urban Garden: children in the Children’s Garden Program (grades K-6), and youth in the Urban Garden Youth Employment programs (grades 7-12).

Program activities will include traveling to the University of Minnesota campus to experience college first hand; bringing speakers to the participants in their neighborhood; providing classroom activities to improve academic skills; and involving family members in the experience of preparing for college.

Learning Goals

Through active participation in the program, team members will:

- Increase awareness of the value and importance of post-secondary education.
- Prepare for academic achievement and success at the post-secondary level.
- Involve participants’ family, peers, and community in the process of preparing participants for college.

One hundred-ten Growing to College participants (grades K-6) visited the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus on June 30, 2010.