



The Emily Krzyzewski Center, a non-profit organization in Durham, North Carolina, was established in 2006 and named in honor Coach Mike Krzyzewski's mother. In founding the Center, Coach Krzyzewski was inspired by his own journey as a first generation college student. The Emily K Center implements three *K to College* programs, a series of year-round, out-of-school initiatives that serve academically-focused students from low-income backgrounds.

Overview

The Center's *K to College* programs provide a sequence of opportunities that propel students toward success by providing educational and leadership experiences that might otherwise be missed. Programs serve students in first grade through their second year in college. An alumni network also provides a platform for former *K to College* students to connect with younger scholars and support the work of the Center.

Program Outcomes

Pioneer Scholars develops a strong foundation of academic and leadership skills in elementary and middle school students, preparing them for the rigors of high school.

- 100% of students earned recognition for displaying exceptional leadership or character in their schools and community.
- 72% of students met or exceeded college and career ready benchmarks on ACT Aspire.
- Nine out of ten parents increased their knowledge of what their students need to be successful in school.

Scholars to College ensures that high school students realize success in and out of school, ultimately becoming self-assured, scholarship-eligible, and college-ready.

- Average GPA is 3.9 (weighted), 3.4 (unweighted); 92% are enrolled in Honors, AP, IB or Dual Enrollment.
- Nine out of ten students are engaged in leadership activities in their schools and community.
- Seniors earned in \$538K, \$781K, and \$1.5MM scholarships and grants in 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Scholars on Campus supports students as they make a successful transition to higher education, promoting lifelong personal, academic, and professional success.

- 94% of all students have graduated, are still enrolled, or are on track for an on-time graduation.
- An average of 80% of students' college expenses are covered by scholarships and grants.
- Seven out of ten students plan to earn a graduate or professional degree in the future.

Student Profile: 2015-2016

Since the Center's inception, *K to College* programs have served 449 students. Currently, there are 225 students enrolled. 100% of families qualify for free or reduced lunch, approximately \$42,000/year for a family of four. 82% of students will be the first in their families to complete a college degree. Additional demographic information is below:

- 58% female, 42% male
- 59% Latino
- 34% African American
- 3% Asian
- 3% Multi-racial
- 1% White

Student Selection

Students are often referred to the Center through nominations from school staff, community members, and various community agencies. Rising 1st through 9th graders residing in Durham County with strong academic commitment, robust family support, and demonstrated financial need are considered strong candidates. Additionally, students must demonstrate personal character, work-ethic, and integrity as evidenced by teacher recommendations, personal statements, and a rigorous interview process.

How It Works

Despite having a strong academic foundation and motivation to succeed, low-income students achieve in school, attend and persist in college at remarkably low rates. *K to College* students benefit from an individualized approach to education and holistic support that focuses on development in five key areas. This framework helps to ensure that students evolve into strong students and leaders, ultimately breaking the cycle of poverty in their families.

Program Component	Pioneer Scholars		Scholars to College	Scholars On Campus
	1 st – 5 th Grade	6 th – 8 th Grade	9 th – 12 th Grade	1 st – 2 nd Year in College
Academic Skills Development	[Bar spanning 1 st – 5 th Grade]			
College Planning		[Bar spanning 6 th – 12 th Grade]		
Personal Management & Leadership	[Bar spanning 1 st – 12 th Grade]			
Career Exploration		[Bar spanning 6 th – 12 th Grade]		
Parent Empowerment	[Bar spanning 1 st – 12 th Grade]			

Schools Attended

Elementary/Middle Schools

Burton Elementary
 Central Park Charter
 Club Boulevard Elementary
 Excelsior Elementary
 George Watts Montessori
 Githens Middle School
 Healthy Start Academy
 Holt Elementary
 Hope Valley Elementary
 Immaculata Catholic School
 Lakewood Elementary School
 Lakewood Montessori Middle
 Lucas Middle School
 Maureen Joy Charter
 Morehead Montessori
 Pearisontown Elementary
 RN Harris Elementary
 Rogers Herr Middle School
 Sandy Ridge Elementary
 Shepard Middle School
 WG Pearson Elementary

High Schools

Carolina Friends School
 CE Jordan High School
 City of Medicine Academy
 Durham Academy
 Durham School of the Arts
 Hillside High School
 Hillside New Tech High School
 JD Clement Early College
 Middle College High School
 NC School of Science and Math
 Northern High School
 Research Triangle Academy
 Riverside High School
 School for Creative Studies
 Southeast Raleigh High School
 Southern High School
 Southern School of Energy and Sustainability
 Voyager Academy

Colleges/Universities

Belmont Abbey College
 Bennett College
 Durham Technical Community College
 East Carolina University
 Elon University
 Guilford College
 North Carolina A&T University
 North Carolina Central University
 North Carolina State University
 Salem College
 UNC-Asheville
 UNC-Chapel Hill
 UNC-Greensboro
 UNC-Pembroke
 UNC-Wilmington
 Wake Forest University
 Wellesley College

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