

Look Ahead Lakers Program Begins March 24

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Silver Lake College will host over one hundred fifth graders on Thursday, March 24, as they kick off their new Look Ahead Lakers program. The Look Ahead Lakers program, modeled after UW-GB's Phuture Phoenix program, is designed to give fifth grade students from low-income families a peek into higher education—an opportunity that many of these students would otherwise never consider.

The Look Ahead Lakers program is funded by the Wisconsin College Access Challenge Grant. Both UW- Green Bay and Silver Lake College are receiving support from the two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, administered by Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation.

On March 24, 120 fifth graders from Jefferson and Franklin elementary schools will come to Silver Lake to be introduced to college life. About thirty Silver Lake College students will serve as mentors in the program. After meeting their mentors, the fifth graders will take a tour of Silver Lake College, and then will participate in actual college classes with their mentors. After March 24th, Silver Lake students will follow up with their assigned students at their own schools, providing ongoing tutoring and academic support. The hope is that these on-going relationships will help the less privileged students to consider pursuing higher education some day.

“The Look Ahead Lakers program is a wonderful opportunity for the youth in our community. It will provide students with positive role models, an opportunity to experience college, and the necessary information and skills needed to enroll in a post-secondary school, making higher education much more attainable. We are confident that the program will inspire students to dream big and pursue their dreams with higher education, regardless of their background,” says Look Ahead Lakers Program Coordinator, Tara Wachowski.

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