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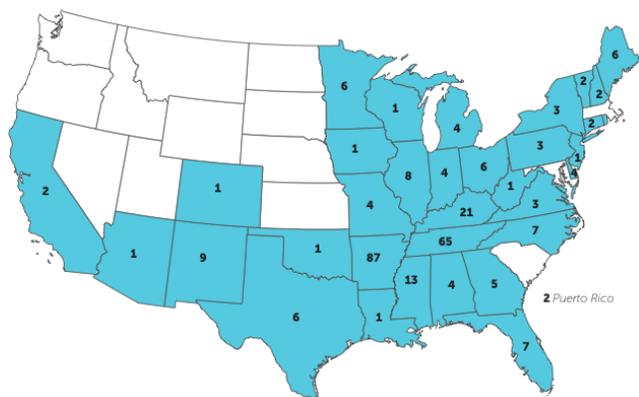
Aspirnaut: 15 Years of Success

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ASPIRNAUT: 15 YEARS OF SUCCESS

Aspirnaut, a K-20 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Pipeline for Diversity and Wellness, celebrated its 15th year in 2022. Developed by VUMC's Billy Hudson, PhD, and Julie Hudson, MD, MA, the goal of the outreach initiative is to increase the diversity and wellness of the STEM workforce by partnering Aspirnaut with rural schools. One of the nation's leading STEM pipelines, Aspirnaut has helped a diverse group of high school students from 34 states to pursue their dreams of a career in science. Sixty-three students have now graduated from top-tier colleges, with 70% receiving or working toward a master's, MD, or PhD degree or directly entering the STEM workforce.



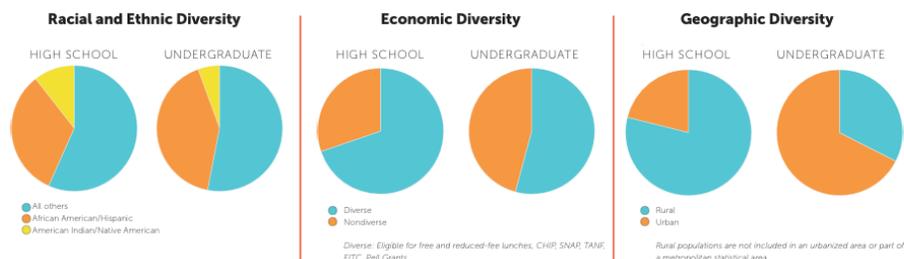
309 students from 34 States

183 graduated from college

- 6 Dual MD/PhD
- 47 Medical School – MD
- 24 Grad School – PhD
- 34 Masters
- 3 Dental School
- 1 DVM/PhD
- 3 PharmD
- 2 JD
- 7 Gap Year
- 37 STEM Workforce

79 still in college

18 still in high school



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