This is the final report for College Bound 2013 which was funded through the University Diversity Mini-Grant Program.
College Bound Final Report:

Picture 1: Bugg Elementary Students excited for College Bound Day!

Picture 2: NCSU Undergraduate Student welcoming Bugg Students off busses and into building
1. Program objectives and impacts: How was the identified need addressed and how effective was the project?

On Friday, March 22, 2013 student volunteers (approximately 200) from NCSU (the majority of students from Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management) along with another 100 students from Shaw University and St. Augustine’s College visited Bugg Elementary School for a day filled with mentoring in the arts, academics and athletics. This event was called “College Bound”, and had three main goals with regard to Diversity: 1. Enhance the quality of teaching and learning about diversity. 2. Enrich the diversity experiences for all students. 3. Improve recruitment, retention and graduation of students from historically underrepresented groups. College Bound had a significant impact not only on our students and faculty at NCSU, but also on the students and staff at Bugg Elementary School. This collaborative effort was successful in promoting the idea of college to elementary students from a Title I School. Dr. Gainey (Wake
County Schools interim superintendent) as well as State Superintendent June Atkinson attended the event.

2. **Project evaluation: Describe how the project effectiveness was evaluated.**

This project was evaluated in several ways. First, selected staff at Bugg Elementary School completed a survey describing their satisfaction and suggestions for next year with regard to the event. Common comments of faculty included “This experience will last forever in the minds of these children”. Additionally, students at NCSU reflected on the day in papers they submitted on moodle. We also received very positive feedback from Wake County Schools on the event.

3. **Sustainability: Will the program continue? Describe plans to continue, extend, or modify this program for the future.**

Thank you for making this program possible, it will absolutely continue! This partnership was originally established between PRTM and Bugg Elementary School three years ago, and will continue to grow. We have been invited by various universities and public elementary schools throughout the state to share how we established such a relationship and how others can coordinate such an event. We will host a workshop in the future on how to establish, plan and implement such an event.

4. **List any publications about this project to the broader community through presentations, articles, press releases or other media coverage and any products created through this project, such as websites, course materials or modules or other items.**

This event has resulted in a youtube video that was created on the day:

http://youtu.be/1ulljzCuVDE

Photos from the day can be found on the WCPSS facebook page at:

http://www.facebook.com/WCPSS/photos

Photos from the day on Bugg Elementary Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/buggelementary

**Quotes from NCSU Students:**

“My experience at Bugg Elementary for College Bound was one of the most eye-opening and rewarding experiences I have ever been a part of. I was worried going to College Bound, because I wasn’t sure how I would be interacting with the kids who are very different than I am. We grew up in different
backgrounds, but I quickly came to connect with the kids. Though I was only with them for 7 or so hours, I really felt a connection to many of the kids I had in the class I was placed in. It is bizarre to think you can make an impact on someone in a day, but I tried my best to positively impact all of their lives, by really stressing the importance of college and the great experiences I have gained by going to college.”

“The experience I had while at College Bound was so special, I have decided to continue to volunteer at Bugg. I want to continue to try and make an impact on the lives of these kids and continue to help them realize their goals of college and sports as a way to get out of poverty and decide what their future holds. In addition, these kids can teach me a lot about the world, and myself and teach me life lessons that I will always remember. I want to help others achieve what I was lucky enough to be able to do, go to college to get an education. Some could also do what I can only dream of: go to college on an athletic scholarship. Social class cannot keep down kids with such a bright future; it is only a title.”

For more quotes and data from the event, please email me at: kabush@ncsu.edu