



**ACHIEVE
QUAD CITIES**
CONNECTING QUAD CITIES YOUTH TO THEIR FUTURE



MISSION MISSION.

To improve graduation rates by strengthening connections youth have growing up that affect their success in school, in work and in life.

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Youth have a support system that communicates high expectations.
2. Youth have plans for their futures that motivate them to engage in school.
3. Youth experience meaningful exposures to career options in our community.
4. Youth will be equipped for successful employment.

ACHIEVE QUAD CITIES is a community collaboration of nonprofits, businesses and the school districts. For a full list of partners, visit achieveqc.org.

“Our students had the chance to meet community members and learn about different professions that they may never have known about. Achieve Quad Cities has provided our students with some great experiences that they would not normally receive.”

Maggi Voss,
Teacher at Edison Junior High,
Rock Island



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***Give a student a better,
brighter future!***



Mayor Dennis Pauley, City of Rock Island

"In 2010, I asked a group of Rock Island citizens and stakeholders to join the Safer Communities Task Force to discuss and recommend how to make Rock Island an even greater place to live.

One recommendation focused on youth mentoring. Rock Island has decided to promote an initiative that is collaborative, strategic, and sustainable – Achieve Quad Cities.

I am challenging Rock Island citizens and businesses to get involved in this effort, to be more engaged and invested in the future of our youth, and to set the example so that other communities will be inspired and emboldened to join us."



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VOLUNTEER TODAY

BY VISITING ACHIEVEQC.ORG

or contacting Jayne O'Brien at
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JOIN THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND AND CHANGE STUDENTS' LIVES.

CLASSROOM PRESENTER. Professionals give interactive presentations focused on how to succeed in their career field.

CAREER NAVIGATOR MENTOR. Coordinated by Big Brothers Big Sisters, volunteers mentor at-risk students and encourage them to explore career opportunities and achieve academic and social success. Career Navigators commit to meeting with students a minimum of six hours a month, both at school and in the community, for a minimum of one year.

JOB SHADOWS. Students shadow professionals for 2-6 hours to learn practical knowledge about career workplace behavior. Job Shadows also introduce youth to workplace environments.



"Rock Island-Milan School District is proud to be an Achieve Quad Cities' partner. We have seen a change in students who have been introduced to career exploration opportunities through Achieve Quad Cities. They want to stay in school and are excited about their future."

Dr. Michael Oberhaus,
Superintendent, Rock Island- Milan
School District

