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15 Inner City Youths Participate in Summer Work-Study Program

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DAYTON, Ohio, June 10, 1970 --- Fifteen inner city youths from Dunbar and Stivers high schools, who have displayed a strong interest in the sciences during their three high school years, will participate in a summer work-study program as laboratory assistants at the University of Dayton. The program, aimed toward giving the students an early opportunity to learn about college academic procedures, is financed by the University and was developed by Mr. Curtis Hicks, Director of UD's Human Relations Office.

The pilot project, which hopefully will be repeated over the years, will involve UD's departments of biology, chemistry, geology, physics and medical technology and the Research Institute. The students will assist science professors and researchers six hours a day, five days a week, and receive a grant-in-aid of approximately $35. a week. The program will run six weeks and start Monday, June 15.

Dunbar student participants will be Gail Gist, Norman Coleman, James Ellis, Elouise Eason, David Pettiford, Sheila McBride, Lillie Jennings, and Vickie Ecton. Participants from Stivers will be Glenda Beach, Jean Hyatt, Delbert Aikens, Pauline Manos, Ethyl Michaels, Dan Robinson, and Stan Wooden.

Students were selected by science teachers Steve Donesi of Dunbar and Luther Slagle of Stivers in cooperation with Miss Violet Strahler, Supervisor Science, Mathematics, and Curriculum Publications, Dayton Board of Education.

They were chosen on the basis of aptitude, interest, and prior evidence of scientific inquiry by having been active in projects of a scientific nature during their sophomore and junior high schools years. A basic criteria was the selection of students who might be denied an opportunity to attend college for financial reasons.

"This is one way in which we can extend our services, expertise and facilities into the Dayton community," Mr. Hicks commented in making the announcement of the science program. "It is our desire to extend the University into the community through such educational programs, community research and development.

"By channeling interested students into the sciences we are trying to broaden the talents and eventual work opportunities of young people in the inner city areas," he continued. "We're hopeful that a followup program will be initiated during the regular school year and that we can enlarge upon the program in subsequent summer periods."