



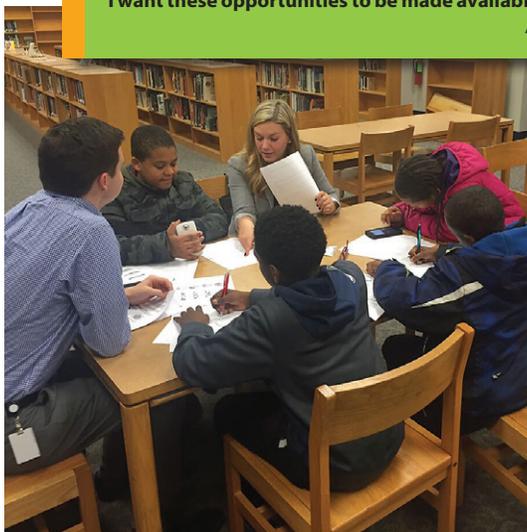
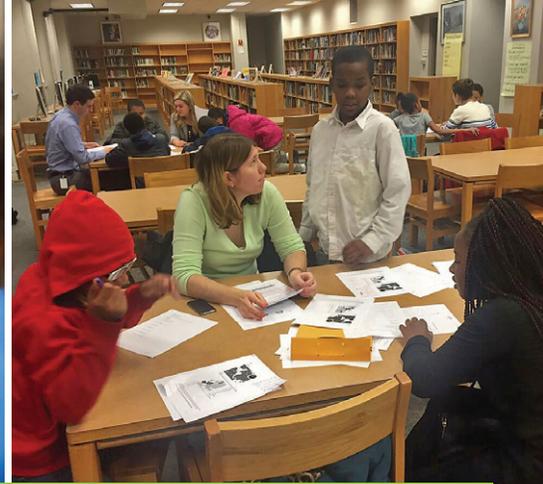
## QUALITY CAMPAIGN MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Higher Achievement is a holistic, year-round, college-track preparatory program for 5th–8th graders from underserved communities, currently operating in the Hill District and Homewood. Participants (scholars) receive homework help; academic enrichment in reading, writing, and math; mentoring; and arts, cultural, and sports-related electives to transform middle school into a springboard to college and life success. Higher Achievement is one of the only middle school programs in the nation that has demonstrated significant gains in math and improvement in reading in a randomized control study that met the highest standards of research quality. “Our scholars have an average increase of at least one letter grade in math and reading,” reports Danelle Conner, Ed.D, director of programs at Higher Achievement Pittsburgh. “As a Quality Campaign member, I really appreciate the opportunity for professional development. Last year we integrated some ideas from APOST training into our Summer Academy.”



**“Afterschool is important to me because not everybody has afterschool programs available to them. I want these opportunities to be made available for students after me.”**

A student from Saturday Light Brigade Radio, Spring 2015



# QUALITY CAMPAIGN DASHBOARD

May 2016

43 members  
22,225 youth served

January 2016

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APOST is built around four core values:

1. Positive Youth Development
2. Partnership
3. Quality
4. Data Driven Decisions

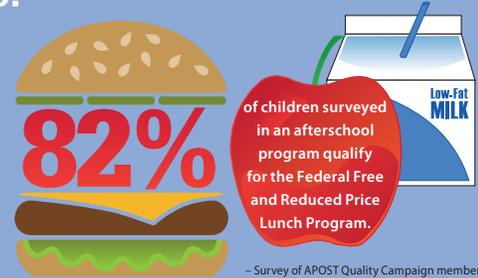
These values provide APOST with a solid groundwork on which to better the state of afterschool and out-of-school programming in Allegheny County and the Greater Pittsburgh area.

## Afterschool and summer programs keep kids safe, inspire learning and help working families.

### Here's how you can make a difference.

Show your **SUPPORT** for **QUALITY** out-of-school programs for Allegheny County youth!

- Share student success stories from Quality programs
- Encourage providers to become Quality Campaign members
- Advocate for access for **all** kids to Quality out-of-school programs



## Spotlight on Practitioner: Sarah Siplak



**Sarah Siplak** is passionate about the importance of encouraging and enabling youth to share their voices and become better advocates for themselves. She believes it is a critical part of growing up in a technological era. Sarah, a classically-trained and professional musician, is director of programs at the Saturday Light Brigade where she oversees the organization's programs in schools and communities. Sarah's favorite part of her job is witnessing the creativity and excitement of youth presented with a microphone and an eager ear. "Although none of our staff are traditional teachers, we are all very comfortable in the classroom. We take advantage of as many of APOST's training opportunities as possible and are very proud of our Quality Campaign membership. The rigorous application process really helped us look at how we run as an organization and how we can continue to do a better job every year," said Sarah.

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