

## What does NAVIGATE provide?

- Presentations to high school students, their families and educators about college access for students.
- Community service internships that develop leadership and professional skills and earn funding for college.
- Monthly Twin Cities and Faribault Networking Groups for networking between young adults, an inspiring guest speaker and adult mentor guests.
- A board of directors and volunteer structure lead by young adults and their mentors.

## What has NAVIGATE accomplished?

From 2007 to 2009, NAVIGATE

- Presented on college access to **700** students, their families and allies.
- Hosted **51** young adults at monthly networking groups.
- Offered **13** summer internships.



*Javier Morillo, SIEU Local President, speaks to Students*

## What do NAVIGATE young adults accomplish?

NAVIGATE young adults assist students with financial and motivational support. Some immigrant students cannot receive federal or state financial aid. Through NAVIGATE, students find scholarship resources, allies in college and some students are then able to attend college as a result of NAVIGATE.

NAVIGATE young adults provide accurate and Minnesota-focused information to students as well as educators. According to an admission officer, families have been told that their “student would be arrested if he applied for college, and counselors (have) thought that talking to ICE (Immigration Customs and Enforcement) was the best advice for a student. This kind of misinformation still exists and is a barrier to college access that NAVIGATE is working against.”

NAVIGATE young adults are committed to develop themselves as leaders. NAVIGATE young adults learn to speak on behalf of immigrant communities to leaders in higher education. One NAVIGATE leader said, “I was nervous to meet a College Dean and to speak to someone who was not an immigrant about the barriers that students like me are facing. After speaking, it was good to know that there are people who are willing to help us.”



*2007 Navigate Summer Fellows*

## Who are NAVIGATE’s partners?

### 2009 Fellowship Host Sites

Citizen’s League

Minnesota College Access Network (MCAN)

Minnesota Immigrant Freedom Network

### Funders

Christian Sharing Fund of Catholic Charities

Wallin Foundation

Youth Venture

### In-Kind Contributions

Admission Possible

Augsburg College

Divine Mercy Catholic Church

Latino Economic Development Center

Scholarship Program

MAP for Non-Profits

Minneapolis Foundation

TORCH of Northfield

University of Minnesota, Office of Equity and

Diversity

University of Minnesota Extension

Wellstone Action

## How can I help?

- Tell other people about NAVIGATE – especially young adults
- Participate in any networking meeting as an adult mentor
- Offer to be a speaker for a networking meeting
- Host a young adult for a internship within your organization
- Serve on the NAVIGATE board or committees
- Request a NAVIGATE young adult speaker for your group
- Make a donation to NAVIGATE  
On Line Donations at [www.citizensleague.org/contribute/](http://www.citizensleague.org/contribute/)  
On PayPal “Purpose”  
– write “NAVIGATE”

## What resources does NAVIGATE offer to schools?

NAVIGATE is about connecting young adults with mentorship and leadership development opportunities. NAVIGATE’s presentation resources are to make the college application and financial aid process more navigable.

- Young adult speakers
- A Brochure on college access
- Scholarship list for students
- Documentary project with photo, video and audio documentary
- Guide for Minnesota college-bound undocumented students (draft)

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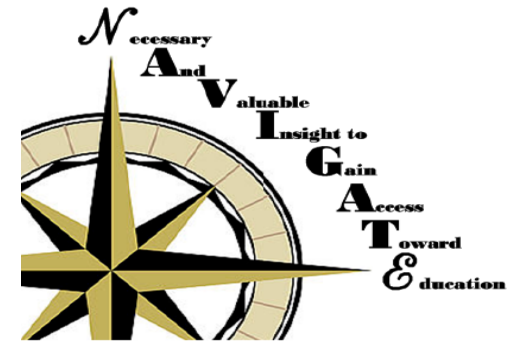
## Where did NAVIGATE come from?

In the spring of 2007, an immigrant college student and his mentor, a former high school track coach, created NAVIGATE to share how they had learned to navigate college and to create a leadership program for other young adults with financial, social and legal barriers.

*“Regardless of  
their immigration status, these are  
Minnesota’s students—  
they are physically present in our state,  
and so are their families— and their  
education is just as important to this  
state as my own kids.”*

*Maureen Ramirez  
Regent of the  
University of Minnesota*

An Overview of NAVIGATE – its projects, impacts and how to help



The mission of NAVIGATE is a leadership development program for immigrant young adults with financial, social and legal barriers in Minnesota to achieve their dreams through changing unjust systems. Through NAVIGATE, these young adults help their community and themselves by working to access college education, jobs and legal status.

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