

St. Augustine Preparatory Academy

Case Study



St. Augustine Preparatory Academy (Aug Prep) is a private school on the South Side of Milwaukee, one of the most segregated cities in the United States.

Since opening in 2017 with 600 students, Aug Prep has tripled its enrollment. High School Principal Jack Wallace credits this growth to the school's focus on college prep and improvements in student test scores, attendance, and graduation rate.

Despite their success in high school, Aug Prep's first graduating class struggled in college. "We didn't do enough to prepare them academically," Wallace said. This prompted Wallace's search for programs that would increase the rigor of academics at Aug Prep.

Aug Prep by the Numbers:



Hispanic or Latino



Economically disadvantaged



Receive state funding to attend

Challenge

To better prepare students for college, Principal Wallace introduced a range of programs at Aug Prep. **Yet there were a host of challenges and limitations to overcome.**



High costs +
exam fees



Rigid
schedules



Lack of
college rigor



Credit
transferability

"Outlier really fit with our model, giving us a flexible option that's pretty rigorous"

Solution

**Outlier hit the sweet spot
for Aug Prep:**



**All-inclusive
courses** eliminate
textbook costs
and exam fees



Asynchronous online
courses offer **flex-
ibility to fit their
school schedule**



Instructors from
Columbia, NYU, and
other top universities
give students **a real
college learning
experience**



Accredited dual-credit
courses **maximize
transferability
with transcribed
college credits**



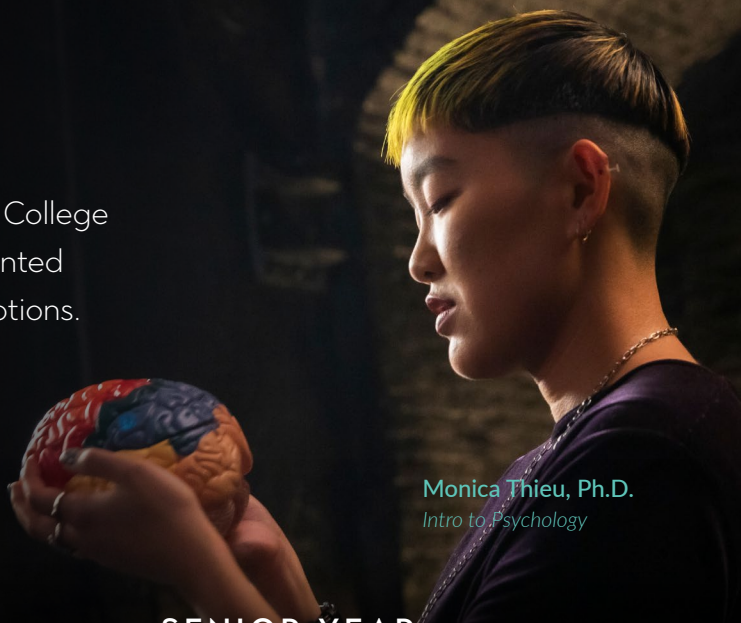
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Implementation

Aug Prep offered seniors the opportunity to take Outlier's College Writing and Intro to Psychology. These courses complemented the school's existing AP® courses, giving students more options. Before classes began, Principal Wallace and the teachers took time to set expectations and prepare students for the pace and workload of these college-level courses.



Monica Thieu, Ph.D.
Intro to Psychology

JUNIOR YEAR

Teachers nominate rising seniors for Outlier courses
Students opt in/out

SENIOR YEAR

Students take Outlier courses alongside HS + AP® courses
Teachers monitor student progress

"We try to give our students a lot of options, and that's where Outlier comes in. It's the ability to differentiate courses so they truly get an experience that's going to push them, grow them, prepare them for college."

Results

Students and teachers alike enjoyed the Outlier courses, according to Principal Wallace. **Students outperformed the AP® national average*** and felt more excited for college. Aug Prep teachers were essential to the students' success by building their investment in the content, monitoring their progress throughout the course, and conferencing with students when they were off track.

With the students' success, Wallace continues to see increased enrollment. And with Outlier among its suite of college prep programs, Aug Prep has the capacity to support that growth.

77%

of students passed and received college credit

2x

students chose to take Outlier courses the next year

* Based on the number of students who scored a 3 or above on a 2023 AP® exam (<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/help-center/whats-a-ver-age-score-ap-exams>)

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"I was blown away with how successful our kids were with Outlier."

- JACK WALLACE | Principal of St. Augustine Prep High School

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