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ADDING IT UP: ACCESS, WORKFORCE & THE ECONOMY

Calculate the effects of growing up poor. Only 36 percent of college-ready, low-income students complete their undergraduate studies, compared to 81 percent of their high-income counterparts. Meanwhile, America could lose up to 3.6 million bachelor's degrees this decade.*

Ohio State pursues multiple solutions to these problems. 2001 graduate Latisha Dawson credits the university's Young Scholars Program and its long-term mentoring and financial aid components for seeding previously unimaginable college dreams.

Her successes continue to multiply. A nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Dawson also teaches and is earning a master's degree.

**Better educated workforce = higher incomes = stronger Ohio economy.
Ohio State is a positive part of the equation.**

YOUNG SCHOLARS HAS SERVED MORE THAN 2,800 STUDENTS SINCE ITS 1988 INCEPTION.

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Ohio State graduate Latisha Dawson (above) participated in the Young Scholars Program, which targets academically gifted low-income students in nine urban school districts in Ohio, offering mentoring, summer camp and financial aid assistance to help them graduate from college.

*The U.S. Department of Education, Commission on the Future of Higher Education and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance