

Mission

The Mission of the Juntos Program is to help students and their families gain knowledge, skills, and resources to ensure high school graduation and broaden post-secondary academic and career opportunities.

History

The Juntos Program (pronounced “Who-n-toes”), meaning “Together” in Spanish, is dedicated to uniting community partners in order to equip students in grades 8 through 12, along with their families, with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to ensure high school graduation and broaden post-secondary academic and career opportunities.

Launched in 2007, the program was born out of a survey conducted among students and their families, revealing a critical need for greater understanding of the educational system. Today, Juntos serves all students and families, offering a comprehensive program that includes Family Engagement, 4-H clubs, academic success coaching, and an annual Summer Academy.

In recent years, Juntos has expanded to include workforce development initiatives, encouraging high school students to explore both college and career pathways. The program’s success is made possible through the collaborative efforts of Extension’s 4-H and Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) agents, K-12 school systems, post-secondary institutions, and community volunteers, creating a sustainable and impactful model that continues to thrive in communities across the United States.

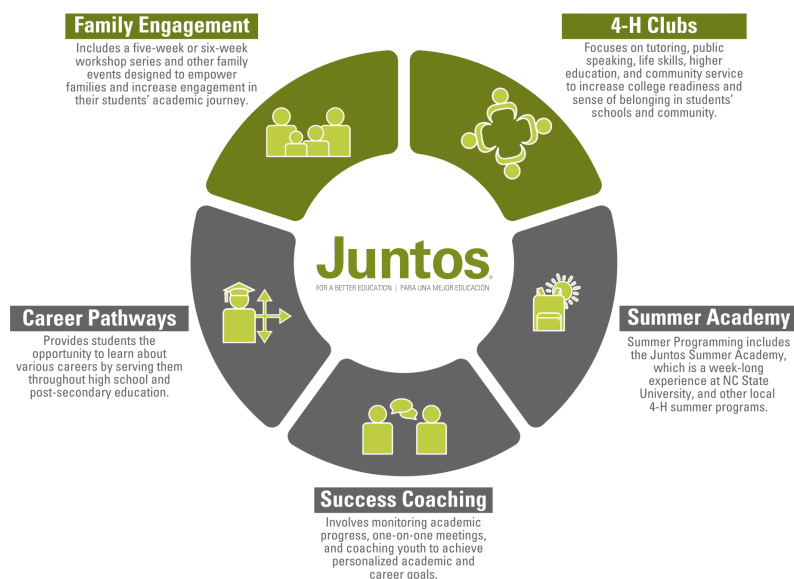
People

- Five full-time and one part-time state-level professionals
- Grant paid staff (project manager, program assistant, business officer, evaluator)
- One graduate student
- Five full-time, nine part-time county coordinators, and five family liaisons (number based on grants and community partnerships)
- Numerous work-study students, volunteers, liaisons, community partners, and facilitators

Facilities

The office is physically located on campus in the building formerly known as Daniels Hall, 111 Lampe Drive, Rooms 346, 347, 348, and 364. Coordinators meet middle school and high school students and their families at their respective schools or community spaces.

Activities



Participation

- **In 2023-24, 460 students were served** in the following counties: Bladen, Catawba, Durham, Wake, Lee, Greene, Sampson, and Transylvania. On average, **100% of our Juntos students (90 of 90 seniors) graduated from high school, with 70% enrolling in higher education.**
- **In 2022-2023, 321 students served** in the following counties: Catawba, Orange, Wake, Lee, Greene, Sampson, Pender, Bladen, and Transylvania. On average, **100% of our students (58 of 58 seniors) graduated from high school with 40% enrolling in higher education.**
- **In 2021-2022, 258 students served** in the following counties: Bladen, Wake, Sampson, Catawba, Greene, Lee, New Hanover, and Orange. On average, **100% of our students (36 of 36 seniors) graduated from high school with 72% enrolling in higher education.**

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