

# Young Grow Getters



**Our goal is to expose Indianapolis youth of color to STEM opportunities through agriculture and horticulture, helping to prepare the next generation of problem-solvers, leaders, and agriculturalists through relevant, engaging curricula and real-life experiences.**

## ✓ Program Overview

Young Grow Getters is a paid, six-week intensive hands-on youth agriculture program led by industry professionals in sustainable farming, culinary arts, food production, and technology that offers real-world experience and career readiness skills. Growing Places Indy teaches students vital aspects of urban agriculture through a robust and engaging curriculum.

We kicked off the Young Grow Getters program on June 7, 2021, for the first time. We accepted ten high school students between the ages of 15 - 18 years old from diverse backgrounds and high schools around Marion County.

## ✓ What Students Learned

The Young Grow Getters learned about urban agricultural practices, including harvesting, food safety, and applied STEM in hydroponics. They also learned about nutrition and developed financial life skills and social skills. Finally, all the Young Grow Getters were able to harvest and bring home fresh produce weekly to their families.

## ✓ Program Successes

Growing Places Indy is proud to have provided ten high school students with their first job. In addition, our staff reported the program participants as they completed a classroom curriculum focused on urban agriculture, improved their diets, and were exposed to new foods. Also, one of the youth in our program is starting a garden club at her school, and we are excited to see how the other Young Grow Getters use the education they received in the coming months.

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