

Developments

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Balfour Foundation awards \$1 million for pre-college education program

The U.S. Balfour Foundation has awarded a \$1 million grant to the University to expand the Northeastern Academy which was established in 1983.

According to President Kenneth G. Rydin, "Northeastern's outreach efforts to minority and inner-city youth will be greatly enhanced by this grant."

During 1989-90, 85 students were enrolled in Academy programs. Local junior and senior high school students enrolled in the Academy attend a six-week full-time summer program (and an academic year evening program) directed to teaching math, English, science and computer fundamentals.

John M. DeLan, Vice President of Bank of New England, which administers the U.S. Balfour Foundation, said the Foundation has "funded a number of programs that seek to increase literacy and improve access to education for disadvantaged, inner-city and minority youth."

President Rydin added that, "Income generated by this endowment will permit the University to enhance the academic potential and hopefully the quality of life of increasing numbers of inner-city youngsters." The grant will support the long-term growth of an intensive program for students who are self-motivated toward gaining a college education. The students attend University classes, accompanied by an instructional assistant (a Northeastern University student). The students also receive counseling on such issues as parenting and drug abuse and are culturally enriched by attending plays and visiting museums.



John M. DeLan, Vice President of Bank of New England (center) discusses the Balfour Academy with Academy students Maurice Parker and Kevin Evans.

To increase the number of inner-city students who receive excellent pre-college-level work, the university