

Community Cultural Wealth

Familial Capital

Cultural knowledge, values, and sources of strength between individuals who belong to the same family or kin that is literal, chosen, or otherwise.



About Familial Capital:

- 13/19 Black undergraduate science students attribute meaning of their science degrees to themselves and their family.
- Many students attribute their interest in STEM careers to encouragement from family, the desire to serve their community or origin, and early exposure to the field via their parents' jobs.



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Familial Capital may look like:

"Pay it forward" mindset

Service-oriented jobs allow students to impact future generations of people in their community.



"Pay it back" mindset

High paying, value, and stable careers allow students to support their parents who helped them.

Developing Familial Capital:

- Student organizations provide a sense of tight-knit community for social and emotional support.
- Forming community can help establish commitments to serving one's community, develop socio-economic skills, care for others, and healthy coping mechanisms.

