Higher education has become indispensable as the pathway to prosperity, but how effective is it as a pathway out of poverty? The Kalamazoo Promise scholarship program eliminates one major barrier to success in college, but many others remain for economically disadvantaged students, especially those from racial and ethnic minority groups. In this presentation, we will examine higher education outcomes for Kalamazoo Promise students from different racial and economic backgrounds, and how students from Kalamazoo compare to students from similar backgrounds in other large Michigan cities. We will conclude with a discussion of activities and programs currently in place to improve outcomes for disadvantaged students in Kalamazoo, and what more should be done to achieve equality of opportunity and social mobility for you people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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