

Michigan Indian Leadership Program July 9-14, 2017

Audience:

26 Native American students from across the state who entered 8th-12th grades in the fall of 2017.

Funding:

The Michigan Indian Leadership Program (MILP) is jointly funded by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Office of Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education.

Objectives:

MILP is designed to promote higher education among Native American youth in the State of Michigan as well as the following objectives:

- Prepare participants to attend college
- Explore opportunities in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and MSU
- Explore career opportunities
- Improve understanding of the college admission process
- Improve understanding of financial aid
- Develop relationships with other Native youth from across the state
- Develop relationships with Native American role models from across the state
- Practice for the SAT
- Develop leadership skills
- Enjoy social and cultural activities
- Have fun!

Description:

MILP is a week-long residential experience where Native American youth can explore both traditional culture and college life. Academic workshops, SAT Preparation, cultural activities, and social events are all facilitated and supervised by Native American faculty, staff, and students. The summer program is primarily designed for Native American students who will be entering the 8th-12 grades in the fall of 2017. There is no cost for participation in the MILP Summer Youth Program. However, participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from East Lansing.

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Impacts:

A post test survey administered after the 2017 program to all MILP participants indicated the program successfully achieved many of the objectives. The post test survey results revealed the following:

- ⇒ 96% of MILP participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: This program has better prepared me to attend college.
- ⇒ 73% of MILP participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: I know the process of applying to college.
- ⇒ 76% of MILP participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statements: I know how to apply for financial aid.
- ⇒ 84% of MILP participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: I know when to take the ACT or SAT tests for college.
- ⇒ 73% of MILP participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: I know what is considered to be a good ACT or SAT score for college admission.
- ⇒ 50% of MILP participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: Michigan State University is one of the colleges or universities that I will apply to or have already applied to.
- ⇒ 92% of MILP participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: The MSU faculty/staff/students I worked with in this program gave me a positive impression for college.
- ⇒ 96% of MILP participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: This program increased my knowledge of the different majors, career paths, and opportunities available at MSU.

Attending this program developed these skills:

- ⇒ Socializing/Making new friends: 84%
- ⇒ Adapting to new living arrangements: 84%
- ⇒ Working with a group: 80%
- ⇒ Making decisions/choices: 80%
- ⇒ Accepting people who are different from me: 92%

This program increased my interest in:

- ⇒ Science: 65%
- ⇒ Technology: 38%
- ⇒ Engineering: 38%
- ⇒ Agricultural Sciences: 61%
- ⇒ Math: 46%

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