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# REPORT ON PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

MSU PRE-COLLEGE COMMITTEE

2010-2011



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The Pre-College Committee at MSU is composed of program directors, coordinators, and senior administrators who work to coordinate the activities of pre-college programs at MSU. The committee provides guidance on policies and procedures and offers a framework for pre-college personnel at MSU and other organizations to collaborate. The committee holds regular meetings. For more information about the Committee, send us an e-mail at [youth@msu.edu](mailto:youth@msu.edu)



Michigan State University's Pre-College Committee brings together program directors from many units who offer programs identified as "pre-college." The committee's purpose over the past several years has been to support and elevate these programs through dissemination of best practices, sharing of resources, and professional development.

#### **MSU pre-college programs are:**

- Designed to educate pre-college-age students
- Offered and delivered by MSU faculty and staff or under the guidance of MSU representatives
- Intense in their level of content and number of intentional contact hours
- Purposeful in exposing students to potential careers and academic programs, particularly at MSU

This year the pre-college programs of MSU took great strides towards a more coordinated campus-wide endeavor, as the Pre-College Committee responded to a charge from President Simon.

## **ADOPTING A MISSION**

A key strategy of the President's Boldness by Design Strategic Imperative 2, "Enrich community, economic, and family life..." is "build[ing] a campus-wide network among precollege programs in order to enhance efficiency and maximize outcomes." With the establishment of a new leadership team in 2010, the committee embraced this Boldness by Design strategy. Thus, the committee acknowledged its critical role in organizing pre-college programs for maximum impact.

## **ESTABLISHING A COLLECTIVE ANNUAL REPORT**

One step toward building a campus-wide network was the establishment of a collective annual report featuring data from many programs about their audiences, funding, overall impact, and other information. For this year's report, the first of its kind, all pre-college programs identified at MSU were invited to submit a summary. Those that responded have done so in a common format designed to convey both their similarities and their variety. The reports can be found at <http://spartanyouth.msu.edu/precollege/reports.aspx>

## **ARTICULATING COMMON GOALS**

MSU's pre-college programs feature a wealth of diversity in terms of content and target audiences; however, in the spirit of unifying pre-college efforts at MSU, the Committee established common goals which should be pursued by all programs and thus represented in their reports. Our mutual dedication to young students serves as the common thread among us.

#### **Goals of pre-college programs:**

- Increase participants' overall interest in college
- Instruct participants in how to access college in some age-appropriate manner
- Better prepare participants for college by giving them information and building skills necessary for success

# MEASURING PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

To more clearly demonstrate how programs have achieved these goals, the committee designed a survey instrument (with evaluation expertise contributed by University Outreach and Engagement) by which each program's achievements can be measured equivalently. Those questions will be submitted to program participants beginning this year, with the initial results appearing in the forthcoming December 2011 report.

The committee is proud to present this overview of our work in the past year. It represents one step closer to a stronger and more unified effort to serve pre-college students on behalf of MSU.

## COLLECTIVE DATA FROM REPORTING PROGRAMS TABULATED ON MAY 5, 2011

Number of MSU pre-college programs identified (spartanyouth.msu.edu)	52
Number of pre-college programs reporting	21
<b>MSU representatives involved in program delivery</b>	
• Faculty	115
• Staff	37
• Students	96
Total participants served	8,119
Number of students in programs geared toward underrepresented demographics	2,158
Total intentional contact hours with participants	813
<b>External funding provided to programs</b>	<b>\$479,750</b>

### Some targeted audiences:

- From Lansing, Detroit, Flint, Albion, or Jackson
- From every county in Michigan
- From urban communities
- From rural communities
- With high SAT scores
- Qualifying for free/reduced lunch
- Potential first-generation students

