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Pre College Leadership Program July 10-15, 2011

Audience:

30 Native American students from across the state who will be entering the 8th-12th grades in the fall of 2011.

Funding:

The Pre College Leadership Program (PCLP) is jointly funded by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education & Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Objectives:

PCLP is designed to promote higher education among Native American youth in the State of Michigan. This is accomplished by three component areas: campus visitations, outreach services, and summer youth programs. The following objectives relate to summer youth programs.

- Stay in a college residence hall
- Experience college classes
- · 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 role models from across the state
- Practice for the ACT
- Develop leadership skills
- Enjoy social and cultural activities
- Have fun!

Description:

PCLP is a week-long residential experience where Native American youth can explore both traditional culture and college life! Academic workshops, cultural activities, and social events are all facilitated and supervised by MSU Native faculty, staff, and current students. The summer program is for Native American students who will be entering the 8th-12 grades in the fall of 2011. There is no cost for participation in the PCLP Summer Youth Program. However, participants are responsible for their own transportation to Lansing.

Impacts:

A pre and post test survey given before and after the program in 2011 indicated the program was successful in achieving many of the objectives the program aimed to achieve.

- ⇒ 84% of PCLP participants surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: I know the process of applying to college from participating in PCLP.
- ⇒ 78% of participants surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: I learned what it is like to be in college from participating in PCLP.
- ⇒ 84% of participants surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement I know when to submit my college application.
- ⇒ 100%78% of participants surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: A student can take the ACT or the SAT more than onc3.
- ⇒ 78% of participants surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: I learned what it is like to be in college from participating in PCLP.
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Additional Significant Information:

Sometimes, the data cannot convey the personal impact of this program on the lives of participants as well as the participants are able to communicate this in their own testimony. Here are a few words from a former PCLP participant, Ms. Elaina Leaureaux:

"I am currently a senior in Animal Science at Michigan State University in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. I would not be where I am today if it weren't for the Pre College Leadership Program It helped prepare me to attend college and made attending MSU my dream. I am living that dream thanks to PCLP."

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