



Pre College Leadership Program July 25-30, 2010

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 College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services and the Associate Provost for Academic Student Services and Multicultural Issues.

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 2009 indicated the program was successful in achieving many of the objectives the program aimed to achieve. For example, 92% of PCLP participants surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: I know the process of applying to college from participating in PCLP. 86% 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. 99% of PCLP participants surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the following statements about the Native American staff that worked for the program:

- Staff was easy to work with
- Staff seemed concerned about me
- Staff gave me personal encouragement in doing my work

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, Mr. Marcus Winchester:

“Before attending the leadership camp at Michigan State University I had set very minimal goals for myself. After graduation I planned on taking all of the easy routes, but while attending the camp I found out that the easy route isn’t always the most beneficial one. Throughout the week I was exposed to the real college experience, rather than basing my knowledge off of TV and movies. Also, all of the staff was Native American and people that I could relate to. While camp unfolded our counselors and the professors that presented to us continued to motivate and inspire our aspirations after high school. By the end of the week I was full of excitement because of all the goals and determination that the camp helped me realize were inside of me the whole time; and now five years later as a graduating senior at Michigan State University, getting my degree in Comparative Cultures and Politics, I realize that it was almost as if a new future had opened up for me.”

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