FAME Summer Camp
August 6-9, 2013

Audience
- Current and former foster youth
- Current 9-12th grade students in Michigan
- 30-35 students per year

Funding
- Self-sustaining through participant fees
- Donations of supplies and materials from local child welfare programs, FAME volunteers and College of Social Science Alumni Association.
- Most participant fees are covered through Youth In Transition (YIT) funding through the State of Michigan—Department of Human Services and can be requested by their foster care worker
- Limited scholarships available to youth that do not qualify for YIT or other funding sources

Objectives
- Increase knowledge and awareness of support programs available to foster youth pursuing higher education
- Increase number of foster youth alumni attending college
- Improve educational outcomes for foster youth alumni
- Provide a mentorship and leadership opportunity for former foster youth attending MSU to serve as camp counselors.

Description
This 3 night, 4 day camp provides youth in foster care a college positive experience on MSU’s campus.

Campers participate in workshops facilitated by MSU staff and community partners covering the following topics:

Preparing an admissions statement, College applications, FAFSA and Scholarship opportunities, Choosing a major/career, Building a resume and preparing for job interviews, Money management and financial planning, College life and supportive resources available on campus, Financial resources available to foster youth attending college.

Feedback and reflections from 2013 Campers:

How has attending FAME Camp changed what you think about your future?

“It opened my eyes to more opportunities”
“It has given me the power of knowing how to better my future”
“FAME showed me that I can get into college with enough funds”
“It showed me that I can be successful and there’s resources for me”
“It made me more motivated to go to college”
“FAME taught me that I need to know that my future is important”
“FAME camp changed my whole decision to attend college”

How has attending FAME Camp changed what you think about yourself?

“The FAME camp showed me that there are many people who have been through what I have and its okay to be myself”
“It made me feel as if I’m not alone and loved”
“I am stronger and more independent than I thought”
“Makes me believe I can get into college”
“It made me think about my future and what I want to do with it”
“A lot of kids have through the same and to never let it get to me”
“I learned to have more confidence in myself”

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