

ANR Institute for Multicultural Students (AIMS)
ANR Institute for Multicultural Students - Bi-lingual (AIMS-B)
July 12– July 17, 2015 and July 21 – July 26, 2015

Audience

Target Group: High school students in 9th, 10th and 11th grades from across the state.

Funding

The ANR Institute for Multicultural Students Program (AIMS) and the ANR Institute for Multicultural Bi-Lingual Students Program (AIMS-B) is jointly funded by the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Background

AIMS and AIMS-B programs are designed to provide high school students with broad exposure to fields of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition, Built Environments and Natural Resources. Some may question, "Why a program in Agriculture and Natural Resources"? A career in Agriculture and Natural Resources involves more than farming. Thus, program components are designed to expand the knowledge of the students regarding ANR and subsequently impact the pipeline of future professionals who pursue a degree in ANR at Michigan State University. The AIMS/AIMS-B programs were established to reach out to students who have had to overcome significant obstacles, who exhibit leadership skills, and who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in a university preparatory program.

Objectives

AIMS/AIMS-B were designed to accomplish multiple objectives:

- To encourage program participants to graduate from high school.
- To prepare high school youth for success in post-secondary education.
- To expose students to majors and career opportunities in agriculture and natural resources.
- To assist in recruiting students from non-traditional backgrounds to fulfill career pipe-line needs in agriculture and natural resources.
- To ensure students understand the post-secondary application process.

Description

AIMS/AIMS-B is a one week residential program emphasizing career exposure in the fields of Agriculture and Natural Resources for high school students in grades 9 through 11. AIMS/AIMS-B students participate in presentations from CANR faculty members as well as industry professionals regarding their educational background, research projects, career ambitions and passion for seeing the field of ANR flourish. AIMS/AIMS-B participants co-mingle with students from the

Multicultural Apprentice Program (MAP) for evening leadership seminars and social activities. Participation into AIMS/AIMS-B programs is competitive and involves a selection committee that consists of faculty and staff from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Major and Career Areas of Emphasis

Participants in the program are exposed to the following majors in hopes of filling the need for critical masses of professionals addressing local, state and global ANR issues and challenges: Agribusiness Management, Food Industry Management, Environmental Economics and Policy, Animal Science, Biosystems and Agriculture Engineering, Community Sustainability, Entomology, Fisheries and Wildlife, Food Science and Human Nutrition, Forestry, Horticulture, Packaging, Planning, Design and Construction and Fields of Plant, Soil and Microbial Science.

Outcomes

Through AIMS/AIMS-B, participants have the opportunity to experience college life for a week. Outcomes associated with the program include exposure to future educational and career opportunities in agricultural, food and nutrition, built environments as well as natural resources related fields. AIMS/AIMS-B participants also enjoy field trips, leadership seminars, speakers, and a number of social/cultural activities.

Costs

Students participate in AIMS/AIMS-B free of charge. The program is supported by the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, College Veterinary Medicine, and a number of public and private agencies and corporations. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from MSU.

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