

## Michigan Indian Leadership Program July 10-15, 2016

### Audience:

30 Native American students from across the state who will be entering the 8th-12th grades in the fall of 2016 and students with a strong interest and involvement in Native culture and community.

### Funding:

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

### Objectives:

MILP is designed to promote higher education among Native American youth in the State of Michigan as well as the following objectives.

- Stay in a college residence hall
- Explore opportunities in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 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 SAT
- Develop leadership skills
- Enjoy social and cultural activities
- Have fun!

### Description:

MILP 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 primarily designed for Native American students who will be entering the 8th-12 grades in the fall of 2016. There is no cost for participation in the MILP Summer Youth Program. However, participants are responsible for their own transportation to East Lansing.

### Impacts:

A pre and post test survey given before and after the program in 2016 indicated the program was successful in achieving many of the objectives the program aimed to achieve. The following data relate to the post test.

- ⇒ 86% of MILP participants surveyed agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: This program has better prepared me to attend college.

Attending this program developed these skills:

- ⇒ Socializing/Making new friends: 93%
- ⇒ Adapting to new living arrangements: 96%
- ⇒ Working with a group: 93%
- ⇒ Making decisions/choices: 90%
- ⇒ Accepting people who are different from me: 93%

This program increased my interest in:

- ⇒ Science: 50%
- ⇒ Technology: 60%
- ⇒ Engineering: 53%
- ⇒ Agricultural Sciences: 60%
- ⇒ Math: 50%



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