

## Michigan Indian Leadership Program June 24-29, 2018

### Audience:

19 Native American students from across the state who entered 8th-12th grades in the fall of 2018.

### 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.

### Objectives:

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

- Prepare participants to attend college
- Explore opportunities in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and MSU
- 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 American 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, SAT Preparation, cultural activities, and social events are all facilitated and supervised by Native American faculty, staff, and students. The summer program is primarily designed for Native American students who will be entering the 8th-12 grades in the fall of 2018. There is no cost for participation in the MILP Summer Youth Program. However, participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from East Lansing.



### Impacts:

A post test survey administered after the 2018 program to all MILP participants indicated the program successfully achieved many of the objectives. The post test survey results revealed the following:

- ⇒ 83% of MILP participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: The MSU faculty/staff/ students I worked with in this program gave me a positive impression for college.
- ⇒ 72% of MILP participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: This program increased my knowledge of the different majors, career paths, and opportunities available at MSU.
- ⇒ 66% of MILP participants agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: Michigan State University is one of the colleges or universities that I will apply to or have already applied to.

### Participant comments on survey:

“MILP has given me valuable insight to new career paths, especially agricultural ones.”

“This program has instilled a lot of great things in me. I have been boosted in confidence, gotten over many fears, and met a lot of amazing people.”

“This program helped me decide my major and it has definitely allowed me to be excited about college. Since I’ve been here, I have been thinking about MSU as a possible college.”

“I had a lot of fun and I’m looking forward to coming back next year.”

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