2018 REPORT ON
PRE-COLLEGE PROGRNAMS
PRE-COLLEGE COMMITTEE

Advancing Knowledge and
Transforming Lives of Pre-College
Youth for Eventual College Success

“For me) the most helpful were
yoga, the bonfire, and the letter
to my younger self. I loved the
retreat. Being by the water was so
beautiful.”

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness
for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)
Summer Wellness Retreat participant, 2018
About the Pre-College Committee

The Pre-College Committee at Michigan State University (MSU) is composed of program directors, coordinators, and senior administrators who coordinate the activities of pre-college programs at MSU. The Committee supports and elevates these programs through dissemination of best practices, sharing of resources, and professional development. The Committee holds regular meetings. For more information about the Committee, visit our website spartanyouth.msu.edu/precollege or send an email to pccomm@msu.edu.

MSU pre-college programs are:

- Designed to educate pre-college age students
- Offered and delivered by MSU faculty and staff or under the guidance of MSU representatives
- Intense in their level of content and number of intentional contact hours
- Purposeful in exposing students to potential careers and academic programs, particularly at MSU

Summary of 2018 Activities

New leadership team members

This year, we have two new team members who will join Laura Potter-Niesen as part of the Pre-College Leadership team.

Jessica Biodeau is the assistant director for the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) office at Michigan State University. Biodeau plans and implements all of the GATE logistics for academic and summer programs on and off campus. She oversees GATE marketing, dual enrollment, personnel, and application processing. She has a bachelor’s degree from Michigan State University in hospitality business and a master’s degree from Central Michigan in administration with a human resources focus. She is currently pursuing her Ed.D. in educational leadership at Michigan State University. Biodeau joined the leadership team in September 2018 and is very excited to help lead the Pre-College Committee for the next three years.

Stephanie Chau has a joint appointment in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, serving as one of the assistant directors for undergraduate diversity and as the interim associate director for the Native American Institute. Chau coordinates the Michigan Indian Leadership Program.

“To see that pre-college programs were offered and serve underserved communities blew my mind. Coming from a Latino-Native American background and culture, things seemed impossible for the brown girl to achieve before ... The Michigan Indian Leadership Program provided so much more for me than just ideas of what I wanted to be when I grow up. It provided inspiration along with passion. It gave me hope to continue my college dreams. It gave me knowledge; I was not worried about going to any university I decided.”

Abriana Cardenas, Michigan Indian Leadership Program participant; MSU alumna, Class of 2017, Residential College in the Arts & Humanities (RCAH)

She works directly with pre-college, undergraduate, and graduate students from diverse backgrounds through the Office of Academic and Student Affairs. She is engaged in outreach with tribes, communities, Native organizations, tribal colleges, and K-12 schools through the Native American Institute. She is a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and has been active in the Native American community for over 30 years. Chau earned her bachelor’s degree from Grand Valley State University in history and Spanish, along with a Michigan Secondary Teaching Certificate. She joined MSU in 2008 and joined the leadership team in August 2018.
Pre-College Scholarships

70 pre-college students representing 7 MSU pre-college programs applied for the Pre-College Scholarship in 2018. 70 of those students were awarded the $2,000 scholarship this year.

42 scholarship winners applied for admission in the FS18 cycle (38 freshman and 4 transfers).

38 scholarship winners were admitted to MSU for FS18, and 23 of those matriculated (20 freshman and 3 transfers).

54% of the recent scholarship winners are choosing to attend MSU.

Update from the director of Youth Programs

The Youth Programs: Registration, Safety Assurance, and Education Program promotes compliance of youth programs at Michigan State University with MSU and State of Michigan requirements for conducting those programs. To support youth program coordinators, David Chupak, the director of Youth Programs, communicates relevant information about best practices and policies, and provides consultation, training, and development opportunities for youth program coordinators.

Since his appointment in November 2017, Director Chupak has established and implemented a new Youth Programs Advisory Board to provide suggestions and counsel to the Youth Programs director in support of shaping the direction of youth programs at MSU. Working with the Youth Programs Advisory Board and the Office of the General Counsel, Director Chupak has implemented the most significant revisions to MSU Youth Programs policy since it was established in 2013.

2018 Youth Protection Workshop

MSU Youth Programs hosted the 2018 Youth Protection Workshop, at which campus experts presented on topics related to youth protection. Additional training and development programs addressed topics such as surviving active shooter situations, understanding implicit bias, and behavioral interviewing.

To register your program with the Director of Youth Programs or for more information on the Office of the Director of Youth Programs, visit https://youthprograms.msu.edu. For questions or to request a consultation, contact David Chupak at protect@msu.edu.

The 4-H Capitol Experience changed my outlook on the impact that young people can have not only on politics, but on the world. After attending the program my first year, I knew that I wanted to attend Michigan State University ... I attribute many of my leadership and mentorship skills to The 4-H Capitol Experience.

Josiah Allen Bear, 4-H participant; currently an MSU student

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Program Submissions

These 35 pre-college programs submitted reports in 2018. Please visit www.spartanyouth.msu.edu/precollege/reports.aspx to view them.

- 4-H Exploration Days
- 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp
- 4-H Renewable Energy Camp
- ALL
- ANR Institute for Multicultural Students
- ANR Institute for Multicultural Students – Bilingual
- Beyond Insights – Writing Center
- CeLTA Language School
- CHAMP
- Community Music School
- CSI
- Detroit Future DOcs
- Future DOcs – GATE
- GEAR UP: Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
- Grandparents University
- Greenrock Writers Retreat
- GUPPY
- Health Sciences Scholar Institute (HSSI)
- High School Engineering Institute (HSEI)
- ISHALL
- Lansing Future DOcs
- LEAF
- Macomb Future DOcs
- Making a Game of IT
- MAP: Multicultural Apprenticeship Program
- Michigan Indian Leadership Program
- MST@MSU
- MSTL
- OsteoCHAMPS
- PAN: Physics of Atomic Nuclei
- Preparing African American Males for Energy and Education
- Red Cedar Writing Project
- Spartaneering LEGO Robotics
- Summer High School Scholars
- Upward Bound

“Just working through these cases were absolutely enjoyable and working together with everyone was fun. The cases were very interesting, and it just felt so fun to solve things.”

Health Sciences Scholar Institute (HSSI) participant

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