



Evidence Document

for Higher Learning Commission Reaccreditation

Document Title: Diversity Outreach Summer Programming

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Document Summary:

Diversity Outreach Summer Programming includes several programs designed to serve and recruit underserved students at the University of Arkansas.

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Serving and recruiting underserved students at the University of Arkansas

Engineering Career Awareness Program (ECAP)

A summer bridge program for underrepresented students (must receive Silas Hunt or Razorback Bridge Scholarships) with financial need (as determined by the FAFSA), this three-week program is designed to introduce ECAP students to the university, encourage the students to come to the UA and introduce to the exciting fields of engineering. 20-25 students participate each year, supervised by 3+ residential staff. Funded by the College of Engineering.

Minority Summer Engineering Academy (MSEA)

In conjunction with our partner HBCU, Fort Valley State University, a one-week summer program for rising 11th grade students designed to introduce the concepts of engineering and geosciences. Participants are primarily African-Americans with financial need. Students attend FVSU for 2-3 years before transferring to the UA to major in engineering or geosciences. 15-25 students attend each year, supervised by institutional chaperones. Supported by the College of Engineering, College of Arts & Sciences, Enrollment Management and Office of Diversity.

Engineering Summer Academy (ESA)

This one-week summer program is designed to introduce 100 underrepresented students (particularly ethnic minorities and young women) to the exciting world of engineering. Students choose one of four course options to compete during the week. This program requires at least 8 residential staff. Funded by the College of Engineering.

ACT Academy

College Access Initiative, an outreach and recruitment program of the Office of Diversity, will host two academies (5 nights total) to introduce underrepresented students to the UA and to help them improve their ACT scores and prepare for college life and academics. Attendees will come from throughout the state, from Springdale to the Delta, largely representing marginalized populations and communities. Nearly all will be low-income, potential first-generation college students. Up to 100 students will be served; each program's residential component will be supervised by a minimum of six staff members. Funded by College Access Initiative.

iCiencia

This four-night program will serve 50 8th and 9th grade Latinas through college awareness programming and an emphasis on math and science disciplines. Six residential mentors will supervise campus programming. Supported by the Women's Giving Circle and the Office of Diversity.

KIPP Academy

College Access Initiative and the Office of Diversity will host 25-40 rising high school sophomores from KIPP Delta College Preparatory High School in Helena for a four-day visit to the University of Arkansas for college and career awareness and readiness programming. Five student leaders and two KIPP teachers will supervise all residential programming. Supported by KIPP Delta College Preparatory High School and College Access Initiative.

Technology Awareness Program (TAP)

TAP, a one-week residential program serving 25 high school students, is designed to introduce students of color to the field of computer information systems. Students will be supervised by five residential staff members. Hosted by the Office of Diversity Programs in the Sam M. Walton College of Business.

Business Leadership Academy (BLA)

Sponsored by the Center for Retail Excellence and the Office of Diversity Programs in the Sam M. Walton College of Business, BLA serves 25 underrepresented high school students and aims to improve their awareness of education and career opportunities in the marketing, retail and business industries. Residential programming will be overseen by five staff.

Upward Bound

The University of Arkansas houses three federally funded Upward Bound programs, which collectively serve about 170 low-income, first-generation high school students to help prepare them for college. Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors participate in a six-week academic residential program; graduating seniors participate in a bridge program during which they take 3-6 credit hours during one of the UA's summer sessions. Total residential staff: 19 mentors and coordinators.