DARE TO DREAM

Nearly 100 high school students from around the state attended the third annual Dare to Dream Academy, hosted by the University of Washington’s (UW) College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). Aside from spending a whole week on campus and experiencing some aspects of being in college, the students were able to realize all the possibilities they have when it comes to achieving higher education. The focus of this Academy is to inspire students to do well in their high school courses, so they are better prepared for options beyond high school.

Activities throughout the week

A grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)-Migrant Education Program (MEP) makes these academies possible. The Association of Washington State Principles (AWSP) also plays a huge role. AWSP allows the Dare to Dream participants to receive credit for the week they are here. Dare to Dream is divided into two separate academies. For students that are in 9th and 10th grade, the Academy focuses on high school and beyond planning, career exploration, leadership, financial aid, and admissions workshops. This group of students receive a high school leadership credit. For those in 11th and 12th grade, students participated in an academic academy where the instructors helped them build their skills and abilities in math and science. These students received a high school science credit.
A Week Full of Inspiration

A career panel, academic fair, and visits to various departments on campus were provided to all student attendees. This helped the students learn and explore different career and educational pathways. The majority of the activities and projects the students completed throughout the week were designed to be done as a team, which helped them strengthen their leadership skills. The students also had the opportunity to work on an academic plan, which helped them better prepare for the career of their choice.

Students in both academies worked on various activities throughout the week:

- The students in the Academic Academy had very hands-on activities from building bridges and wind racers to dissecting a sheep heart. They even had a crime scene investigation project!
- The students in the Academy worked on their career and personal goals throughout the week and completed a high school and beyond plan. They were able to become well informed about the abundance of resources available for them to succeed.

“‘At the end of the week, if a student tells you that they are now inspired to pursue higher education and how much they enjoyed the week, it’s a sign of a job well done and shows how great the academy can be.’

-Gustavo Gonzalez (Mentor)

“The students made posters with one of their goals

Dr. Gabriel Gallardo speaking to the students in the Academic

Testing their bridges with MESA staff

“There was a great BIG MOOSE.....”

One final goodbye song before the Dare to Dream participants left!

“I thank Dare to Dream for opening my eyes and making me realize that ‘who I am makes a difference’ and one day I’ll be one of those people that made a difference in my life!”