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August 14, 2006

Dr. Ron Haugen, Superintendent
Gadsden Independent School District
P.O. Drawer 70
Anthony, NM 88021

Dear Dr. Haugen:

On behalf of the PreFreshman Engineering Program (PREP) students, staff and faculty at New Mexico State University College of Engineering, the Institute for Energy and the Environment and WERC, A Consortium for Environmental Education and Technology Development, thank you so much for your continued support. Due to your district's staff encouraging and recruiting such outstanding participants and providing buses, Gadsden Independent School District was well represented.

Enclosed is a list of students from the Gadsden School District who have successfully completed PREP 2006. These students should be commended for their dedication to their education and commitment to excellence. The report cards on the students' final grades have been mailed to the schools in your district so that their credits may be applied.

If you or your staff have any questions or would like a presentation on PREP, please contact me at 505-646-2162 or kmikel@nmsu.edu. We are already planning for 2007; next year will be only five weeks instead of the traditional seven weeks.

Sincerely,

Karen Mikel

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Project Manager

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PREP 1

Jazmyn Astorga
Jonathan Briones
Natalie Campos
Alexander Chavira
Randy Estrada
Stephanie Garcia
Monica Gomez
Vicky Gutierrez
Josué Hernandez
Jacob Hinojos
Jacqueline Kim
Jennifer Livingston
Jessica Martinez
Brittany Okelberry
Paola Rios
Manuel Rivera
Stephany Robles
Miguel Rodarte
Arturo Ruiz
Celia Salazar
Steven Trawick
Victor Urdiales
Jessica Yanez

PREP 2

Christopher Almonte
Miranda Alvidrez
Mario Ascencio
Steven Castillo
Jose Corral
Cesar De Luna
Alejandra Domínguez
LeeAnn Favela
Jezheel Flores
Breanna Forbess
Stephanie Garcia
Leonel Legarreta
Randy Moralez
Dylan Ramirez
Jeannie Ramirez
Maura Ruby Ronquillo
Alexis Santiago
Cesar Soria
AnnaLee Zamarripa

PREP 3

Lizeth Armendáriz
CJ Barberan
Josh de los Santos
Edwin Gamboa
Irving Hernandez
Natalie Kutchera
Eric Lucero
Derrick Mesa
Darrell Mesa
Carolina Rios
Jordan Slabe
Krystalee Vigil
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What is PREP?

PREP is an intensive mathematics-based pre-college summer program that provides educational enrichment for achieving middle and high-school students. PREP offers special courses in logic, algebraic structures, physics, and technical writing. Fridays are reserved for field trips. Students may begin the program as early as sixth grade and attend the program for three years prior to college entrance.

Why PREP?

PREP gives students the opportunity to prepare for college studies and careers in the fields of science and mathematics. More than 90 percent of the students who participate in PREP go on to pursue higher education.

When is PREP?

June 5, 2006–July 21, 2006
Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m. 3 p.m.
July 3–4 are holidays

Cost

PREP is free to participants. The Summer Food Service Program provides free lunch to those who are eligible.

Requirements

During the current academic year, you must have an:

- 80 percent overall average in academic courses
- 80 percent average in mathematics (90 percent for sixth graders)
- 80 percent average in science and English (90 percent for sixth graders)

These requirements are adjusted to 75 percent (80 percent for sixth graders) for honors, enriched or gifted courses.

Approximately 200 middle and high-school students from the Las Cruces area will be selected to participate in 2006 PREP. Minorities and females are especially encouraged to apply.

Academic Program

First-Year Participants

- Engineering (3.5 weeks)
- Logic (7 weeks)
- Computer Science (3.5 weeks)
- Problem Solving (7 weeks)

Second-Year Participants

- Algebraic Structures (7 weeks)
- Physics (7 weeks)
- Problem Solving (7 weeks)

Third-Year Participants

- Probability and Statistics (7 weeks)
- Technical Writing (7 weeks)
- Problem Solving (7 weeks)

PREP Activities

- Field Trips
- Rocket Launches
- Tower Construction
- Computer Programming
- Experiments
- Career Awareness Seminars

Application Deadline

March 1, 2006