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NMSU-Grants Dual Enrollment Summer Academies Tours CARC

Albuquerque, NM, June 30, 2014 -- Twenty-five students from the Computer Science Academy of the 2014 Dual Enrollment Summer Academies with New Mexico State University (NMSU) Grants Campus will tour the Center for Advanced Research Computing (CARC) on Thursday, July 3, 2014 to learn about advanced research computing and CARC systems, as part of the career pathway and academic enrichment program of NMSU’s Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions Grant (NASNTI) Program and Title V Hispanic Serving Institutions Cooperative Grant Program. The group will include twenty-three students studying game design at UNM Valencia, one of the summer academies.

In 2011, NMSU Grants was awarded two five-year grants from the U.S. Department of Education to expand access to educational opportunities for Cibola County, New Mexico residents. These grants will fund four dual enrollment summer academies in 2014. With these academies, NMSU-Grants hopes to guide high school students towards higher education and a career pathway.

The mission of the NMSU-Grants Dual Enrollment Summer Academy Program is to provide academic enrichment and foster post-secondary education to Cibola County service area high school students who attend Grants, Laguna-Acoma, Pine Hill, Quemado, Thoreau, To’hajiilee, and Tse Yi Gai High Schools. There are no fees for eligible students to participate in the Summer Dual Enrollment Academies. Students must complete all necessary assignments and be present for all summer academy activities in order to receive up to nine college credits.

The Dual Enrollment Summer Academies include four academies: “Computer Science Academy,” which teaches Introduction to Computer Technology (Special Topics OECS 255) with Instructor Jonathan Hebert, and focuses on the basics of computer technology, constructing Raspberry Pi computers, and writing operating systems; “Healers of Tomorrow,” which teaches CPR (OEEM 101); the “Summer
Game Design Camp” at UNM Valencia Campus, which teaches Principles of Media Design (CMT 180) with Instructor Michael Brown and focuses on modeling environmental pieces, implementing pieces into an Unreal Engine 3 environment, and creating and packaging game worlds with basic film editing; “Introduction to Health” (AHS 100) and “Life Success” (COLL 101) with Instructors Sascha Larrabee and Ambrosia Aranda, which focuses on college preparatory workshops, CPR certification, and health careers; and “Digital Storytelling Academy,” which teaches Digital Video Production I (CMT 190) with Instructors Eric O’Connell and Rachelle Simpson, and focuses on videotaping, editing, conducting a community documentary, and storytelling.

Ambrosia Anrada, Dual Enrollment Coordinator said, “We teach our regular dual credit courses during the year. In the summer, we offer three to four two-week long college academies in different fields. We are excited that the CARC tour will show our students from the Computer Science Academy what professional and educational opportunities are out there.”

For more information about NMSU-Grants Computer Science camp, visit http://grants.nmsu.edu/dual-enrollment-summer-academies/.

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