



Prairie View A&M University Institute for Pre-College Enrichment Summer 2009

June 21 – July 3, 2009

Since the summer of 1984, Prairie View A&M University has sponsored the Institute for Pre-College Enrichment (PCI), a two-week residential summer program, for talented high school students. The mission for PCI is to help prepare students for the new school year and assist them in making early plans to pursue a college education in an area that interest them most. They are also encouraged to stay in school and to go to college. Many of our former participants have enrolled at Prairie View A&M University or other universities upon graduation from high school. Currently, PCI and selected academic units co-sponsor the program with 6 workshops/seminars to help the students plan and prepare for college and future careers. Students will receive emphasis on essay writing, college application, funding for college, scholarship awareness and leadership. In the workshops, the students are:

- < Assessed in reading, counseled and encouraged to read as much as possible, expand vocabulary and sharpen critical thinking skills;
- < Assessed in math, review math concepts required for success in high school and college;
- < Assessed in writing, encouraged to write frequently, improve skills and to gain an appreciation for written communication by composing letters, e-mail, course assignments, also notes and journal entries;
- < Exposed to test taking skills and techniques to help prepare them for various academic skills test, TAKS, PSAT, SAT, ACT, etc.
- < Challenged to return to school and take rigorous academic courses that encourage one to read critically, develop math skills and write effectively.

In addition, students will learn about careers through participation in professional skills symposia and workshops listed below:

The Pre College Enrichment Institute (PCI) Workshops

ARTEC - Architecture Enrichment Concepts - offered to students interested in art, architecture, computer aided design, and construction science. ARTEC is co-sponsored by the School of Architecture.

BASIS - Business for Academic and Scholarly Inclined Students - offered to students interested in the business professions with emphasis on accounting, finance, information systems, management and marketing. BASIS is co-sponsored by the College of Business.

HELP - Helping Establish Leadership in the Professions - offered to individuals interested in teacher education, agriculture, criminal justice, law, psychology, sociology, social work, human science, and communications. HELP is co-sponsored by the Colleges of Agriculture & Human Sciences, and Education.

MITES - Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science - offered to highly competitive students interested in engineering, engineering technology, computer science, physics, chemistry and mathematics. MITES is open to all ethnic groups and is co-sponsored by the College of Engineering.

SCOPE - Science Careers Opportunities Enhancement - offered to highly competitive students interested in becoming a medical doctor, dentist, veterinarian, nurse, physical therapists, physician's assistant or other allied health professional. SCOPE is co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Biology.

TAME - Theatre Arts and Music Enrichment --- offered to students interested in acting and musical theatre, singing, band and directing, and those interested in careers teaching music and drama and in the entertainment business. TAME is cosponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Music and Drama.

The Institute Faculty and Staff include university faculty and Master Teachers selected from area secondary schools. Outstanding college students serve as peer advisors and tutors and provide excellent role modeling for the students. Classes and seminars are held in university classroom and laboratory facilities to enhance their appreciation for future careers. The university library, computer labs, recreation and exercise facilities are also available for the PCI students' use. The students also participate in several cultural and career oriented events, as well as implement self- directed social and career projects.

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Who is eligible? Students who are currently in grades 9, 10, and 11 with a minimum 2.50 GPA are eligible to apply. Admission is competitive and is based on the student's academic record, essay and counselor recommendation.

Student Admission/Activity Fee is \$250.00. Each student is required to pay a fee of \$250.00 upon acceptance in the program. The fee is non-refundable. Parents are responsible for the student's transportation from home to the university and return. Students traveling to the Houston/Prairie View areas by commercial means will be met at the appropriate arrival facility by university personnel and will be provided transportation to the campus.

What does it cost? Tuition, room and board (TRB) for each student is approximately \$1,500.00 which is paid for by Prairie View A&M University with contributions from the PVAMU Parents Association and community organizations. TRB for the MITES workshop participants is paid by a grant from the State, Engineering, Science and Recruitment (SENSR) Fund, and contributions from our corporate partners.

Living arrangements at the Institute. Participants are housed two per room under supervision of a professional Residential Hall Director and College Student Peer Advisors in the University College Residential complex. Male and female students are housed in separate buildings. Three meals are served each day in the university dining facility. Occasionally, snacks are provided during the special evening events. Each room is equipped with a microwave and mini-fridge. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to keep in their rooms.

How does one apply? One may apply by completing the enclosed student application form and the academic counselor recommendation form. Attach your academic information and/or transcript and essay, and mail all materials to the address below. A complete application package includes:

- 1) PCI Application Form
- 2) 200 Word Essay
- 3) Counselor Recommendation form
- 4) Academic information (report card or transcript)

Faxed copies are not accepted. An incomplete package will not be considered. Counselor forms may be sent separately from the application due to confidentiality. If transcript is not available, academic information (report cards) are acceptable, please calculate GPA as of current date.

What is the deadline for applications? Applications, with accompanying materials must be postmarked by April 16, 2009. Mail materials to:
PVAMU Pre-College Institute
P.O. Box 519; MS 1028
Prairie View, Texas 77446-0066

For additional information, contact the Institute by telephone or email:
Voice: (936) 261-3570 Fax: (936) 261-3580 Email: precollege@pvamu.edu or sfwashington@pvamu.edu

NOTE: This material and the attached application may be reproduced and distributed to other interested students.

INSTITUTE FOR PRE-COLLEGE ENRICHMENT APPLICATION

Please type or print clearly in black ink. Completed Application must be received by **April 16, 2009**

Name _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____
Mailing Address _____
Street/P.O. Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone () _____ Cell () _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Female Male **Ethnicity, optional but highly desirable:** African-American
 American-Indian Caucasian Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander Biracial Other _____

GPA of _____ on a 4.00 scale/5.0 scale (circle one)

Name of High School _____ Current Grade in school _____

School Address: _____ Counselor: _____
Street/P. O. Box _____ City State _____ Zip Code _____

Your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice of workshops: ___ARTEC ___BASIS ___HELP ___MITES ___SCOPE ___TAME

List honors, awards, extra-curricular activities, offices held (attach a separate sheet if necessary) _____

Each applicant must prepare and attach an **ESSAY** (typed, double spaced of approximately 200 words in length) stating the reason why you wish to participate in the Pre-College Enrichment Institute at Prairie View A&M University and what you hope to gain from the program. Your essay should also include 1. What influence others (parents, mentor, teachers, Pastor, Counselor, etc.) has had on your life. 2. Your academic focus and career ambition (what you plan to be) for the future. 3. Your involvement in community and volunteer service.

Student Pledge: If selected, for the Institute for Pre-College Enrichment, I agree to attend all scheduled classes, participate in all events and to abide by the rules and regulations of the program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Provide information below pertaining to your Parent(s) or Legal Guardian:

Female Parent _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____ Relationship _____
() _____ () _____ () _____
Day Phone Number _____ Evening Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Male Parent _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____ Relationship _____
() _____ () _____ () _____
Day Phone Number _____ Evening Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Parent Statement: I will permit _____ to attend the Institute for Pre-College Enrichment and to be governed by the rules and regulations of the institute.

Parent Name (printed) _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

**Mail Application Materials To:
P.O. Box 519, Mail Stop #1028
Prairie View, TX 77446**

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
A C A D E M I C R E C O M M E N D A T I O N

Dear Counselor: I request that you complete the recommendation below for me. Please attach a copy of my academic record and/or transcript (including my test scores). I understand that the information you provide will be treated in a CONFIDENTIAL manner and will not be released to anyone outside the Pre-College Institute staff without your permission. **NOTE:** Please place this recommendation in a sealed/taped envelope with your signature on the tape and give it back to the student to be mailed with the application. The recommendation is due by April 16, 2009.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____
Street/P.O. Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

1. Applicant is enrolled and in good standing at _____ school. The student is in the _____ grade with a GPA of _____ on a 4.00 / 5.00 scale (circle one) Please convert where necessary. **(GPA is required for admission to the program.)** The student ranks number _____ in a class of _____.

2. The high school curriculum pursued by the student can best be described as: (check one):
 Honors College Prep Regular Vocational Other _____

3. Has the student ever been on academic or social discipline? No Yes (If yes, to what extent will it affect the students ability to participate in this institute: _____

4. Considering this applicant's record and potential to benefit from the Institute, I recommend the applicant: Strongly Favorably Regular With reservation Not to be selected

5. Comments: _____

_____ () _____
Print Name & Title Telephone Number Email

Signature _____ Date _____

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