Final Summary Of Research Report On

The CHROME Honors Program
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Project Title: CHROME Honors Program

Introduction: The CHROME Honors Program was designed as a two-week residential program for 9th and 10th grade students participating in CHROME clubs. The curriculum focused on the health sciences with instruction from:

1. the science and health curriculum of the Dozoretz National Program for Minorities in Applied Sciences (DNIMAS) Program of Norfolk State University (NSU);
2. the humanities curriculum of the NSU Honors Program;
3. NASA-related curriculum in human physiology.

An Advisory Committee was formed to work with the Project Coordinator in the design of the summer program. Committee members represented: School of Science and Technology (Dr. Sandra DeLoatch, Dean); DNIMAS Program (Dr. Holly Baker, Director); Honors Program (Ms. Gwendolyn Pharr, Assistant Director); CHROME (Ms. Eleanor Wilson, Executive Director); and University Advancement (Dr. Clarence Coleman, Vice President). The Project Coordinator, Alicia Newby, is a middle school teacher at Southampton Middle School. She was selected based on her experience working with CHROME and NSU under other NASA-funded projects. She also has a background in the sciences and has worked in the medical field.

Through a tapestry of activities, scientific knowledge was integrated with topics in humanities. Scheduled activities included:

- Intensive math and science review
- Computer applications & technology;
- Laboratory work in state of the art research facilities;
- Preparing reports and making presentations;
- Lectures by prominent faculty and practicing professionals;
- Team projects;
- Tours, field trips, & cultural events;
- Intensive and challenging curricula;
- Real-world applications of science;
- Mentoring;
- Research based projects.

Program Data:

Program Dates: June 17 – June 28, 2002
Location: Campus of Norfolk State University
Number of Participants: 16 (Students were selected from a pool of applicants who responded to a competitive application process)
Gender: 10 Female  6 Male
Ethnicity: 15 Black/African American  1 White

Program & Student Outcomes:

Based on content assessments by instructors and program evaluations by staff, the following outcomes were achieved:

1. increased awareness of career opportunities (especially in the science/health professions);
2. increased knowledge of factors which assure academic success in college;
3. demonstrated skills enhancement in content areas and non-content areas.
Additionally, an orientation and closing session were held for parents, staff, and guests. For the closing ceremony, students created and presented Power Point presentations on what they had learned from the summer program.

As the students progress through their high school education, their progress will be monitored by the CHROME Central Office. Each year data on their math and science courses will be maintained in the CHROME database. Additionally upon graduation, students will complete a Senior Survey, which indicates their intended major and the college they plan to attend. Students will also be tracked for their enrollment in Norfolk State University and the DNIMAS and Honors Program.

Activities: See attached schedule.
# Weekly Schedules

**Monday, 6/17**
- 9am: Opening Session
- 10am: Dorm Check-in
- 11am: ID Cards made
- 12:00-1:00pm: Lunch
- 1:30-2:15pm: Campus Tour
- 2:15-2:50pm: Dorm
- 3:40-5:20pm: Medical Ethics Class
- 4:30-5:20pm: Dinner
- 5:30-6:30pm: Death & Dying Class
- 7pm: Tides baseball game

**Tuesday, 6/18**
- 8-8:50am: Breakfast
- 9am-12pm: EVMS
- 12:15-12:50pm: Lunch
- 12:15-12:50pm: Web page/Power Point class
- 12:15-12:50pm: Lunch
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**Wednesday, 6/19**
- 8-8:50am: Breakfast
- 9-10:20am: Physics class
- 10:30am-12pm: Web page/Power Point class
- 12:15-12:50pm: Lunch
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**Thursday, 6/20**
- 8-8:50am: Breakfast
- 9-10:20am: Physics class
- 10:30am-12pm: Web page/Power Point class
- 12:15-12:50pm: Lunch
- 12:15-12:50pm: Lunch

**Friday, 6/21**
- 8-8:50am: Breakfast
- 9-10:20am: Physics class
- 10:40-12pm: Nauticus
- 12:15-12:50pm: Lunch

**Saturday, 6/22**
- 9:30am: Leave NSU
- 10am: Golden Coral Restaurant
- 12pm: Williamsburg/ Jamestown
- 6:30pm: Richmond Speed @ Rich Coliseum
**WEEKLY SCHEDULES**

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NSU faculty provide intensive Math and Science curricula

Students get an inside look at Eastern Virginia Medical School
A trip to Nauticus demonstrates real-world applications of technology