Pathways to Education

The Summer Institute will be a highly individualized five-week residential program co-sponsored by California State University, Fresno, Fresno County Schools Migrant Education Program, and Fresno City College. The institute will target those high school seniors identified as migrant education students by the Fresno County Office of Education who will graduate by June of 93. Forty selected students will be invited to participate in the project.

This institute will provide students with a summer transition program to college through attendance of classes on the Fresno City College campus in English, reading, computer literacy, career planning, and study skills. After class work, students will be transported to the California State University, Fresno (CSUF) campus where they will live during the five week experience. Evening study sessions, seminars, workshops, and self-esteem building will take place in the dorms. The CSUF campus migrant education program will provide the four graduate or senior baccalaureate students to serve as dorm advisors.

Through this residential program, the project participants will be transitioned into the Fresno City College program, and at the same time have an opportunity to experience the four year university environment. Students will receive between nine and ten hours of daily classroom instruction Monday through Friday. Field trips to visit places of interest throughout the county will be held on Fridays. Students will be transported back to their homes late Friday and will return Sunday evenings.

The Institute is planned so that each participant can receive optimal attention. Staff/student ratios are set at approximately 1:10. Tutorial assistance will be provided during the day and evening as additional reinforcement of classroom instruction. Recreational activities such as swimming and volleyball will be arranged for project participants.

At the completion of this program, project participants will have earned their first college credit units in a very supportive environment, transitioned to the community college, and hopefully aspire to transfer to a four year university.