2013 Dreamer Intern Program

University of Colorado Boulder

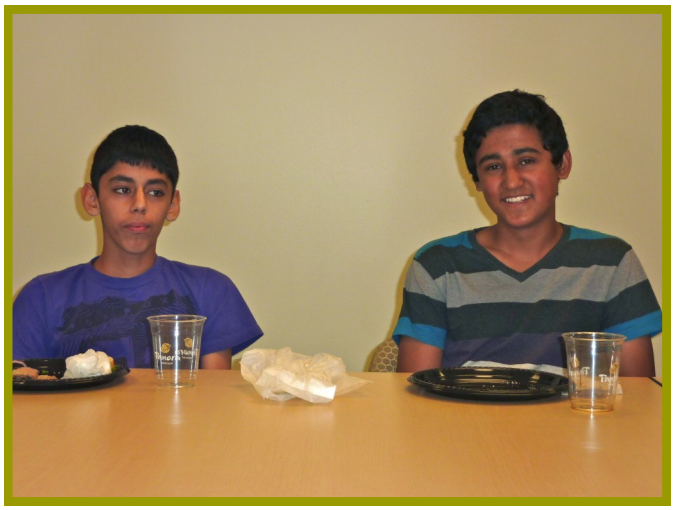
Science Discovery intern Leslie Banuelos

On campus this summer six high school students from around Boulder county are participating in the Dreamer Internship Program. The program, a collaboration between the *I Have a Dream Foundation of Boulder County,* The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Community Engagement (ODECE) and various departments of the University of Colorado Boulder, allows students to explore potential areas of study and gain work experience. Students identified by the *I Have a Dream* foundation are matched with on-campus hosts in various areas. In addition to serving as an alternative to a traditional summer job, the program gives students the opportunity to "develop responsibility, reliability, and a good work ethic" says **Anjali Maus**, coordinator for the Science Discovery program and Dreamer host for Boulder High School sophomore **Leslie Banuelos**.

Dreamers work in a variety of settings across campus including the **Leeds School of Business, Environmental Design, Transportation, Summer Multicultural Access to Research Training (SMART), and Science Discovery programs**. The work Dreamers complete varies based on the department or program in which they intern. Some Dreamers primarily assist their hosts with office work while others help with coordinating scientific research programs or provide childcare for summer programs. One of jobs this summer belonged to **Jorge Zavala**, an intern for **Sharon Gordon** at Transportation services. According to Jorge, the most valuable things he's learned are "teamwork, organizational skills, and how to change oil in a vehicle, which is knowledge I can use forever."

Jorge Zavala, holding the vehicle washing

In addition to their internships, all participants were invited to attend weekly lunchtime workshops, at which guest speakers presented information to help students prepare for college and plan for the future. This was an excellent opportunity for Dreamers to gain useful professional skills and explore new fields which might be of interest to them in the future. A notable Wednesday workshop was called "Personal Finance", a presentation given by **Laura Zavala** from Elevations Credit Union and **Aaron Spear** from Guaranty Bank. The students learned practical information about finance such as checking and savings accounts, debit and credit cards, credit scores, and college savings.



Environmental Design Interns Sameer Karki and Anthony Garcia enjoy lunch at a Wednesday workshop

Below is the list of the 2013 interns and the different departments they worked with over the summer. The participants are well received by their hosts for the summer. **Consuelo Delval**, a Dreamer program host at Leeds Business School, states that all of the students who have worked for her "have been excellent workers and all of them had dreams of receiving a college education."

2013 Dreamers and Departments

Leslie Banuelos - *Science Discovery with host Anjali Maus*

Jessica Bueno– *Leeds School of Business with host Consuelo Delval*

Jose Jiminez – *SMART with Kristen Lopez*

Samir Karki and **Anthony Garcia** - *Environmental Design with host Jennifer Kirschke*

Jorge Zavala – *Transportation with host Sharon Gordon*

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