



Greetings:

My name is Chrisaundra Henderson and I am an Education Associate for the University of New Mexico African American Student Services Center!

We are excited to continue our Summer BEST Academy (Black Excellence in Science and Technology) for 8th grade students who will be entering 9th grade the fall of 2017. This pre-college program is designed to educate African American students in STEM skills, engage them in the practical aspects of STEM, and inspire them to pursue careers in STEM fields. The students will also engage in African American cultural and social activities designed to provide a holistic learning experience.

This 6 -week program includes a sports and an academic component. In the first 4- weeks, students are encouraged to participate in UNM's Summer Youth Sports Program (SYSP). The program's tentative dates for 2017 is June 5th- June 30th. For more information regarding SYSP the link is coe.unm.edu. During this time, the BEST Academy cohort will participate in various activities focusing on health and sports within SYSP. In the last two weeks (July 3rd-14th) the BEST Academy students will be exposed to STEM degree programs, careers, high school math with a college instructor and will be required to complete a final project.

Please view the enclosed interest flyer, and if you know of any students that you would like to recommend or to find out more information, please feel free to contact me or pass along my contact information and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Best wishes,

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