



High School Summer Nandagikendan (Seek to Learn) Academy Report July 23rd-25th, 2019

Seven high school students attended the Summer 2019 Seek to Learn Academy at the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. After an opening ceremony and welcome, students toured the FDLTCC campus before visiting the Estuarium for a couple of interactive lessons. Students also toured the lab and talked with two students from UMD that intern at the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve.

On the second day, students took a mock Ojibwe Language class taught by Michelle Goose, a FDLTCC instructor. Students then took a tour of the Electric Utility Lab with FDLTCC instructor Kevin Maki. In the afternoon, students visited UMD. An activity about the brain was led by a UMD graduate student who also shared their experience in UMD's medical program. Students toured the UMD Engineering labs and learned about the different engineering fields.

The last day of the Academy started with a tour of the Nursing lab at FDLTCC with Cassandra Nicholson, followed by a presentation about FDLTCC's Law Enforcement program and interactive activities with Wade Lamirande. Students had some time in the studio with Jeremy Gardner, which involved students doing voice overs for a video clip. After much fun and some editing of the voice overs, the students took one last field trip to the Lake Superior College to tour their aviation building and try the flight simulator.

To bring the Academy to an end, families joined students and FDLTCC staff for a closing ceremony, dinner, and presentations from the students that reflected on what the students would like to pursue as a future career and what the students had learned from the Academy.