CASA ACADEMY

FACT SHEET

What is CASA Academy?
CASA Academy is six (6) week alternative admissions program designed to ease the transition from high school to college for students whose academic profile suggest the need for early intervention to improve their potential for college success.

What are the dates of the 2016 CASA Academy?
The six weeks 2016 CASA Academy summer program will begin on Sunday, June 26th and end on Friday, August 5th.

Who is eligible to participate in CASA Academy?
High school seniors who did not meet the requirements for regular admission to Morgan State University and were referred to CASA Academy by the Office of Undergraduate Admission and Recruitment.

Is there a deadline to apply to the program?
Each year we accept a maximum of 300 applicants on a first come first serve basis.

Is there a cost to participate in CASA Academy?
There is no charge for in-state students but out-of-state students pay for their meals (19 meals per week). The cost for the 2016 out-of-state students is $605. This payment must be submitted in the form of a money order with your CASA Academy application.

What classes will I take as a participant?
During CASA Academy students are enrolled in the following courses: English, mathematics, developmental reading (DVRD), MSU history, book club, and a college orientation seminar.

"CASA Academy is an experience in which students learn to believe in themselves. CASA Academy students are encouraged to have faith in their own abilities, work hard, and always remember that no other investment yields as great a return as the investment in education" (Salifu Cham, CASA Academic Advisor and College Orientation Instructor).

CASA Academy Quotes

"CASA Academy gave me a second chance to not only be a better me but to find out what I really wanted to do in life and who I wanted to become" (Tiana Smith, 2011 CASA Academy participant).

"I enjoyed my role as a Strengths Leader because I was able to share my experiences with incoming freshmen, show them the ins and outs of Morgan State, and encourage them to perform at their best in everything they do" (Nyjai Muhammad, 2015 Strengths Leader).
**How to Apply to CASA Academy?**

**STEP 1:** Apply to Morgan State University.

**STEP 2:** Check your email, attached to your MSU application, for a message from CASA@morgan.edu.

**STEP 3:** Complete and submit the Online Participation Agreement.

**STEP 4:** Visit your doctor to complete the Health Entrance Certificate and to receive all required vaccines.

**STEP 5:** Ask a high school teacher to complete the Online Teacher Recommendation form.

**STEP 6:** If applicable, submit money order to CASA Academy.

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**What requirements must I meet in CASA Academy to gain admission to MSU?**

To gain admission to Morgan State University, CASA Academy students must earn a grade of ‘C’ or better in each course, they must participate in all leadership and transition seminars, and they must adhere to the policies of the program as well as the policies outlined in the Morgan State University Student Code of Conduct Handbook.

**What student support services are available during CASA Academy?**

CASA Academy strengths leaders (tutors and mentors) provide mandatory, daily small group tutoring session by subject. They also serve as an immediate support to CASA Academy participants in their transition by sharing personal experiences, insight, and information about campus resources.

**Where will I live during the program?**

All CASA Academy participants must live on campus during the six weeks of the program. Students can go home on the weekend with permission from a parent/guardian.

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