

### SUNY Oneonta Migrant Leadership Academy (SOMLA)



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#### **SOMLA**

- SOMLA: July 2017, July 2018, July 2019, and July 2022
- ·SOMLA: July 2023 In-Person again ©
- 7 day in-person program at SUNY Oneonta.
- Leadership and identity development courses and workshops.
- College experience- Students will stay in the dorms, use college classrooms with college professors, and eat in the dining halls.
- Presentations about CAMP, applying for jobs, nutrition, financial literacy, etc.
- Field trips and fun activities such as roller skating, kayaking and picnic at the lake, etc.

Let's Discuss!

- What feedback have you received from your students after attending SOMLA?
- Anything you want to share with the group?



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#### What can your students expect?

- · 7 days at SUNY Oneonta July 6-13
- Outstanding instruction by a college professor
- Workshops focused on preparing students for life after high school
- Personalized academic support
- One-on-one work with CAMP team leaders and counselors
- Daily outdoor activities
- Dragon Dollars
- •1 college credit

# SOMLA 2023 Components

Introduction to Leadership	<ul> <li>Skills of Emerging Leaders Class: 1 college credit</li> <li>Team Building Activities</li> <li>Student Success Skills</li> <li>Public Speaking Skills</li> <li>SMART Goals Long-term Plan</li> </ul>
Identity	<ul> <li>Legacy Groups</li> </ul>
Development	<ul> <li>Identity through Art</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>First Generation Connection</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Impostor Syndrome</li> </ul>
Success After	<ul> <li>Social Emotional Learning</li> </ul>
High School	<ul> <li>Financial Literacy</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>CAMP and other Educational Opportunities</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>How to Get a Job</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Healthy Living: Coping Mechanisms,</li> </ul>
	Mindfulness, Nutrition, Health Circuit

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#### **Skills of Emerging Leaders**

- Taught by Professor Karen Joest
- Classes focus on leadership, identity development, SMART goals, and being successful in an engaging learning environment.
- The course will culminate with students creating and presenting their Tree Projects, which represent their personal identities, goals, and dreams.



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#### **Our Staff**

- 8 Counselors- 6 of them are CAMP students from SUNY Oneonta
- 4 of the Counselors are previous SOMLA/HOLA students!
- 1 Professor from SUNY Oneonta
- 2 Doctoral Interns from SUNY Oneonta
- 2 Interns
- 4 ID&R Staff



## What are we expecting from your students?

- 7-day commitment
- Commitment to participate in all required activities
- Completion of all assigned coursework/homework
- Opportunity to enjoy summer- although learning comes first
- Participation in Post-SOMLA activities

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#### Student Recruitment

- April and May- prime time to recruit.
   Start talking to your students ASAP!
- Applications are due June 9<sup>th</sup>- Jenny will cover where to access forms, and what you, your student, and your student's parent/guardian need to do.
- Don't limit yourself- we will accept up to 30 applications. If you have a student, submit the application!

#### Recruitment "Elevator Pitch" Suggestions

- This is a scholarship and you have been selected. Opportunities like this do not come every day!
- The program is completely free and safe to attend.
- 1 College Credit
- Real college experience (opportunity to try it out and see if it's for you!)
- May open the door for future career opportunities letters of recommendation, connect with professionals, etc.
- Your future self will thank you for investing on yourself for these 7 days
- Friendships, leadership, skill building.
- Show them pictures and videos (Check out our Facebook and Tik Tok.)

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## Who is a Candidate to Attend SOMLA?

- Current Migrant Eligible student or Continuation of Service Student
- Rising 11th-12th graders. Invite your 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders
- Responsible and self-motivated.
- Available to commit to the schedule- 7 days at SUNY Oneonta.
- This program may be challenging for very beginner English Language Learners (ELLs), but we will support all students and their needs.



# How will we be supporting individual learning needs?

- Interpretation/translation will be provided.
- If your student has an IEP or any specific learning need(s) listed on their application, we will do everything we can to provide individualized support to that student. Providing a copy of the IEP will help us create the best possible support plan for your student!

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#### Paperwork:

- Addresses to send documents
- Letter to Parent
- Letter to Student
- What to Bring
- Brochure
- HS Transcript letter

- SOMLA Application
- SUNY Oneonta application
- SOMLA agreement
- Parent Medical consent
- Parent Permission and Release
- Unofficial Transcripts



#### **Paperwork Reminders:**

- Check the name of the students- official names required.
- All forms should have consistent data (example: current address.)



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#### **Official Transcripts**

Send when available via mail, email or fax by <u>June 30<sup>th</sup> to</u>
Rebecca Lynch- Office of
Continuing Education.

- Fax: 607-436-2692
- Address: 108 Ravine Parkway Oneonta, NY 13820

\*Need to verify if student completed 10<sup>th</sup> grade



- You can submit all other forms as soon as possible, and then submit official transcripts when available.
- You can submit unofficial transcripts while you work on getting official transcripts from school.
- If you are having issues with a school, call Odilia.



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#### Transcript Letter

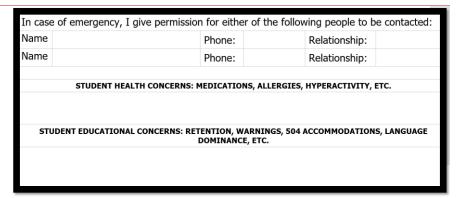
Dear School Counselors,

We have been busy planning for the fifth SUNY Oneonta Migrant Leadership Academy (SOMLA), which will be at SUNY Oneonta during the summer of 2023. One requirement for students to be able to participate and earn credit for coursework completed during their time on our campus, is to provide The Office of Continuing Education with an official high school transcript. The official transcript must show that your student has successfully completed their sophomore year and show their final school year grades prior to the start of SOMLA in early July.

Official transcripts must either be mailed or faxed to The Office of Continuing Education at SUNY Oneonta to the address or fax number below and must come directly from the student's high school, prior to the arrival of students to our campus for the SOMLA. The transcripts must be signed by a school official to be considered official and received by The Office of Continuing Education by June 30, 2023, for students to be eligible to participate in the program. I thank you in advance for your help with this important matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

- Before submitting the applications, please review the information, especially:
  - Emergency contacts
  - Educational concerns
  - Health concerns



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#### **SUNY Oneonta Application**

- Official names and current address
- For U.S. citizen question, choose Yes or No. If they have permanent residency or DACA please attach a copy to the application.
- If they do not have a permanent residency or DACA, no further action is required.
- Make sure parents sign and date the application before submission.

Student Signature:		
Parent Signature:	(required if student is under the age of 18)	
Date:	(required it student is under the age of 10)	

#### Working Together to Get Students to SOMLA

#### **METS Staff**

- Identify student candidates.
- Introduce program to students.
- Help students complete application process.
- Communicate student needs to Emily/Odilia.
- Keep students in the loop about new information or updates.
- Help students understand what to pack.
- Help coordinate transportation plan.

#### ID&R

- Respond to student/parent or staff questions about SOMLA.
- Communicate new information or updates to Directors/METS staff.
- Communicate about student paperwork needs/concerns.
- Call applicants and parents (separately) to introduce program and answer questions.
- Make preparations for specific student needs.
- Coordinate transportation with tutors and recruiters.

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#### **Transportation**

- If you need help transporting students, please let us know.
- We normally ask tutors to pick up students at their homes and meet recruiters in a central location.





#### Let's Hear from our Students!





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#### **Need-to-Know Reminders:**

- July 6-13, 2023 In-person on the SUNY Oneonta campus.
- Residential program for rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- METS tutors- talk to all of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders on your caseload
- Application Deadline: June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Official Transcript Deadline: June 30<sup>th</sup>
- We will find a way to support individual learning needs- just let us know what your student needs!
- We can support with transportation if necessary.



## Questions?

