



We are excited to share information about the William Paterson University ASPIRE Program, which is dedicated to serving Hispanic and Pell-eligible students majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Exercise Physiology, and Mathematics. The Access to STEM Pathways through Integrated Research and Engagement (ASPIRE) is grant funded via the U.S. Department of Education. It offers a wide range of valuable resources and services to support students in their STEM educational journey and future STEM career.

Key features of the ASPIRE Program include:

1. **Target Audience:** The program is available to first-time/ full-time, first-year students, or first-time/ full-time transfer students pursuing majors in the above specified STEM fields.
2. **Support Services:** ASPIRE provides a holistic support system for students, including meetings with a Success Coach during their first year, supplemental instruction in Biology, Chemistry, and Computer Science, tutoring with graduate students, and 24-hour online access to tutor.com.
3. **Mentorship:** Students benefit from Peer and Faculty mentorship opportunities which fosters a supportive learning environment inside and outside the classroom.
4. **Financial Assistance:** Participants in the program receive financial support for transportation, books, and meals during the summer program and for their first academic year.
5. **Engagement and Networking:** Semester gatherings take place to connect peers, enhance student engagement and create a sense of community among participants.
6. **Work-Based Learning:** Students can participate in research/labs with STEM Faculty, internships with STEM professionals, faculty mentorship opportunities and other opportunities which promote valuable work-based learning experiences inside/outside of the classroom.
7. **Summer Programs:** Incoming students participate in ASPIRE Summer Programs, including the 10-day Summer Bridge for Incoming First-Year Students and the 20-day Summer Research Experience for Transfer Students. Both programs start on July 8th and run Monday to Thursday from 9 AM to 3 PM, providing immersive experiences for students. Lunch is provided daily, and the programs are commuter-based.

We believe the ASPIRE Program offers invaluable support and resources to help students thrive academically, personally, professionally, and socially. If you have any questions or know of eligible students who may benefit from the 2024 ASPIRE Summer Program, please feel free to contact me. The attached QR code can be used/shared for more program information.

Thank you for an anticipated partnership. We look forward to continuing to work together in fostering STEM education and creating STEM scholars and professionals.

Best regards,

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