

NASA Training Project Contribution to Student Success at the University of New Mexico

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Abstract

The NASA Training Project (a.k.a. NTP) recruited and provided academic and financial support to underrepresented students majoring in Engineering, Computer Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, and Secondary Math/Science Education at the University of New Mexico (UNM) from 1989 to 2007. In addition to tuition assistance, this program had various components that assured every scholar had the adequate academic support and professional development opportunities to succeed in their field of study. Data that reflects the impact of this program on student success in STEM fields at UNM will be revisited through this presentation. Although the program ended nationwide in September 2007, NTP at UNM left a great legacy among students, faculty and staff at UNM. Many students have gone on to professions with private industry, state and federal agencies.