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Students with Disabilities Participate in Education/Career Camp

LAS VEGAS, NV —The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) is hosting a week-long summer camp at UNLV to help recent high school graduates who have disabilities get prepared to attend college or move into the workforce.

The camp, Careers, Recreation and Vocational Education (CRAVE), which began Sunday and will end on Thursday, welcomed 23 students from northern, rural and southern Nevada. The students are living in the dormitories and are participating in a variety of activities, said Shelley Hendren, administrator for DETR's Rehabilitation Division.

Activities include college preparatory training that will teach students how to navigate the college system, communicate with professors, budgeting for college, time management, and study strategies. The career track will include workshops on how to develop a resume, job searching techniques, self-advocacy in the workplace and what jobs are currently in high demand. The students will also participate in recreational activities sponsored by local businesses, like attending a movie, attending the Nathan Burton show and touring the MGM.

The camp is sponsored in conjunction with UNLV and the Nevada Department of Education, Hendren said. This is the 7th year for the camp. Students are selected by their special education teachers from high school and Vocational Rehabilitation counselors.

“The goal of the camp is to help students with disabilities mitigate challenges that may arise as they move into the world of higher education and/or employment,” Hendren said. “We want to give them the tools they need to succeed, as well as provide an enjoyable summer camp experience on a college campus.”

DETR's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation works with high school students who have disabilities and are transitioning to post-secondary education and/or employment. Vocational Rehabilitation services are available for students whose disabilities result in a substantial barrier to employment. The program is available for all students with disabilities, not just for those who are enrolled in special education classes.



DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, and the Research and Analysis Bureau. DETR works in partnership with the Nevada JobConnect System to provide training and job placement services to job seekers and to assist employers in hiring practices. It also supports economic development efforts through improving Nevada's workforce.