Stress on Analytical Reasoning (SOAR)

Stress on Analytical Reasoning (SOAR) is a rigorous 3-week residential program that strengthens rising high school senior’s analytical reasoning skills and provides exposure to STEM and health related careers. The program provides participants with an introduction to college life and opportunities to enhance their social and interpersonal development skills by engaging with other students from diverse backgrounds who share similar academic and career goals. Students participate in weekly study hall sessions and they are mentored by current Xavier students and recent graduates.

While enjoying the wonders of New Orleans, participants work in small groups and adhere to an academically rigorous schedule, which includes enrolling in non-credit courses (e.g., Math, Science, Critical Reading/Writing, SAT/ACT Prep, African American Studies, and Philosophy) and laboratory practicums. Moreover, participants are exposed to social/cultural activities, including historical landmarks, festivals, and museums. Additional extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, debates, quiz bowls, and guest speakers. Other activities may include socials, movies, and recreational games. This program serves 75 students from across the United States and runs from June 30 - July 19, 2019.

Application Process and Eligibility:

Participants must be:
1. Rising High School senior
2. 16 years old at the start of the program (June 30, 2019)

To be considered ALL of the following items MUST be submitted by April 19:
1. Rising High School Seniors (at least 16 years old by July 2nd)
2. Completed On-line application by deadline
3. One recommendation form completed by a counselor, teacher or principal
4. An official copy of ACT/SAT test scores
5. A high school transcript copy

Program Cost:
- Cost: $1700 per student
- A $200 nonrefundable deposit by May 1, 2019. Remaining balance due June 1, 2019.
- Need-based scholarship applications are available here and due April 19, 2019
- Submit signed acceptance packet, health consent, and final payment by deadline

Materials: All summer program participants will be provided with a book bag, T-shirt and all necessary academic materials.

Additional information: For any questions or concerns, please contact the Coordinator of Pre-Collegiate and Summer Bridge Programs by email at summerprograms@xula.edu or over the phone at 504-250-5264.