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Unite Summer Programs Have an Impact on Students Nationwide

RESTON, VA – The Technology Student Association (TSA), administrator of the Unite program for the Army Education Outreach Program (AEOP), is pleased to announce that more than 350 students spent the summer learning and engaging in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at university Unite sites across the country.

Unite is a four-to-six week, pre-collegiate summer experience for talented high school students from groups historically underserved and underrepresented in STEM areas. Unite encourages students to pursue college majors and careers in STEM-related fields through a program of hands-on rigorous academics, enrichment, and career exploration.

“It [Unite] was amazing! I learned a lot about the different branches of engineering, which really helped me decide what career path I’d like to pursue,” said a student in Unite at Michigan Technological University. “Everything we did was extremely engaging and educational. It was a very memorable experience! The perfect mixture of learning and fun.”

Some university sites offered a broad academic experience for participants. Others provided a focus in specific STEM areas, such as coding, robotics, drone development, big data research, and gaming.

Summer 2017 Unite programs were held at the following universities:

Alabama State University (AL)	Harris-Stowe State University (MO)
University of Colorado (CO)	New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJ)
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FL)	University of New Mexico (NM)
Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus (FL)	University of Nevada, Las Vegas (NV)
Savannah State University (GA)	Fayetteville State University (NC)
Xavier University of Louisiana (LA)	University of Pennsylvania (PA)
Morgan State University (MD)	Texas Southern University (TX)
Michigan Technological University (MI)	Virginia Tech (VA)
Jackson State University (MS)	Marshall University (WV)

2017 marked the fifth year of the Unite program under TSA’s direction. In October 2017, a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released for the next funding cycle (2018-2019) of Unite sites. Institutions interested in submitting a proposal should contact Hillary Lee, Unite Program Administrator for AEOP, at hlee@tsaweb.org.

The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national non-profit organization of middle and high school students engaged in STEM. TSA was chartered in 1978, and since then over 2,000,000 students have participated in its program of activities. Members apply and integrate STEM concepts through competitive events, leadership endeavors, co-curricular activities, and related programs.