

UMBC Diversity Action Grant Freshman for a Day

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County ASME student chapter received a Diversity Action Grant. The grant was used to support UMBC's "Freshman for a Day" field trip. Students from area middle schools arrived at UMBC, split into groups, and participated in three on campus activity rotations. The event was intended to give students a hands-on, science based introduction to UMBC. Overall program goals included encouraging student's interest in the science, mathematics, engineering, and technology fields, getting students thinking about the possibility of college, and allowing the middle school students to observe a college campus while it is in session. The middle school teachers and parents were very pleased with the event. It helped to excite their students and children about someday attending college. The Diversity Action Grant was of great aid in making the "Freshman for a Day" program possible.

Summary

Partnering Organizations:	SBE, Tau Beta Pi
Overall Attendance:	85
Girls:	26
Minorities:	13
Grant:	\$1500

Response

UMBC received a very positive response from participants.