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SDE leadership institute helps migrant students build confidence, futures

(BOISE) – Migrant high school students from across Idaho are living in a dorm at Boise State University this week learning about college life and career options, hearing from expert speakers, team-building and visiting a wide range of local businesses.

“The Migrant Student Leadership Institute is about sparking students’ dreams and giving them the skills, confidence and knowledge to make those dreams come true,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said.

The third annual institute, preceded by a four-day Migrant Student Leadership Camp at Trinity Pines in Cascade, helps students explore their interests, develop leadership skills and get a head start on transitioning from high school to post-graduation success. All 34 participants, the children of migratory farmworkers, have completed their sophomore or junior year in the Idaho Migrant Education Program in their school district.

By inspiring individual students to succeed and share their experiences with others, institute organizers aim to boost the number of Idaho migrants who go on to college, technical training and careers, said Migrant Education Coordinator Sarah Seamount. Activities include daily work on college essays plus visits to BSU’s Career Center and College of Innovation and Design.

Most of Thursday will be devoted to a Career Walking Tour, with students visiting a co-working space, a law firm, an intellectual property management and technology company, a bank, a social impact branding agency and a business furniture company. Students also will learn about teaching careers in Idaho and the need for a more diverse education workforce.

The State Department of Education’s Idaho Migrant Education Program hosts the institute in collaboration with College Assistance Migrant Programs (CAMP) at BSU, University of Idaho and Treasure Valley Community College, as well as other SDE programs including GEARUP and Advanced Opportunities.

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Treasure Valley media: If you would like to attend some of the sessions at BSU or drop in on Thursday’s Career Walking Tour, call Kristin Rodine at 208-332-6807 to make arrangements. The Career Walking Tour runs from 9:40 to 11:40 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, with three groups of students rotating among three Downtown Boise businesses in the morning and three more businesses in the afternoon.