VERMONT EPSCoR Center for Workforce Development and Diversity

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St. Michael's College





What is the CWDD?

The VT EPSCoR Center for Workforce Development and Diversity works to cultivate and prepare students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. Through integrating students and teachers into active research we inspire students to pursue STEM careers.





Who is the CWDD?







CWDD Goals

Thrust 5 – Workforce Development

• Goal 5.1 - Increase the size of the Vermont STEM workforce by integrating undergraduate students, high school students and teachers into research and inspiring them to enter STEM fields.

Thrust 7 – Diversity

 Goal 7.1 - Increase the Diversity of the STEM Workforce participants among faculty, undergraduates and high school teams to bring the benefits of inclusion and talent without regard to geography to the national research enterprise; by providing research opportunities broadly to students and postdocs and by increasing the number of girls in STEM





CWDD Programs

- Undergraduate
- Scholarships
- High School
- Symposium
- Middle School







- 10 week summer program
- Integrate students into BREE research
- Provide training, experience, a networking opportunity and relevant jobs skills for future scientists
- Provide a student/staff oversite role for post docs and graduate students.
- Provide weekly professional development workshops







- 30 interns chosen from 191 applicants
- 7 students from UVM, 7 from other Vermont schools, 7 from Puerto Rico, and 9 from schools in other states
- Placed at six institutions around Vermont







Ecology Team (17 interns)

- Watershed and Lake Biogeochemistry
- Watershed and Soil Biogeochemistry and Linkages to Water Qualtiy
- Lake Hydrodynamic and Bottom Bathymetric Analysis
- Water Quality Lab
- Photochemistry of Dissolved Organic Carbon







Integrated Assessment Team (8 interns)

- Integrated Assessment Modeling
- Climate Modelling and Analysis
- Microclimate Evaluation
- Stormwater Modeling GIS Support







Social Sciences Team (5 interns)

- Policy and Administration for Land Use Development and Planning
- Institutional Network Analysis
- General Equilibrium Model







Scholarships

- \$5,000 scholarships to Native American (including Abenaki) and First Generation college students who enter STEM majors at a Vermont college or university.
- 33 applicants
- 11 awards (9 first generation and 2 Native American)
- Award ceremony early August at the Statehouse







Scholarships

- 7 females and 4 males
- 4 Chittenden, 3 Franklin, 1 each from Caledonia, Rutland, Windham, and Windsor
- 4 refugee students 2 Nepal and
 2 Somalia







High School

- Participants develop skills in scientific methods and experience being a scientist
- Training Week June 19-23
- 21 HS teams from 17 schools
- Schools: 8 Vermont, 7
 Puerto Rico, 1 Boston, 1
 South Carolina







High School – Water Quality Lab

- 16 Macroinvertebrate community assessments
- Water Quality Samples Run

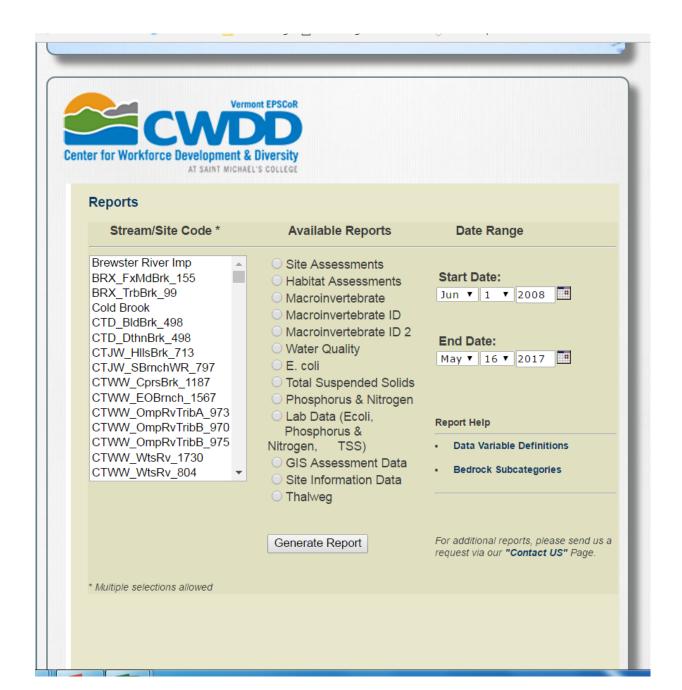
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HS Teams	402	553
ISCO/other	103	180







High School







Macroinvertebrate Workshop – December 2016







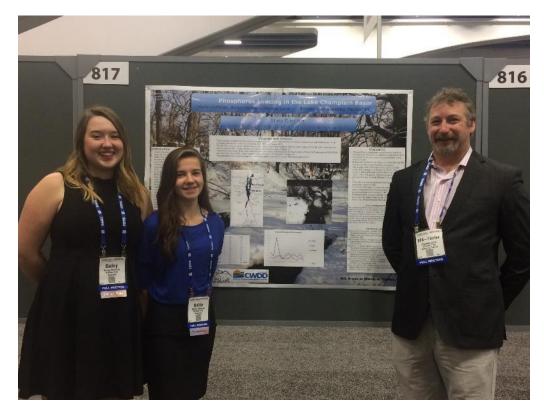






High School

 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting in San Francisco







High School



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Saturday at 8:18 AM · 🚱







Symposium

- Offers student researchers an opportunity to practice science communication skills in a professional environment.
- Provides a capstone to the yearlong high school research projects and summer undergraduate internships







Middle School – Rosie's Girls



- Four one-week summer sessions
- 67 Middle School girls and 5 junior instructors
- 42 participants received full or partial scholarships





Middle School – Class Visits









Middle School –Visits

- Field days with 240 students from three middle schools
- Reviewed poster presentations at Hunt MS
- Life of a Scientist at Flynn Elementary School
- Flynn Elementary Maker Fair
- Women Can Do Expo







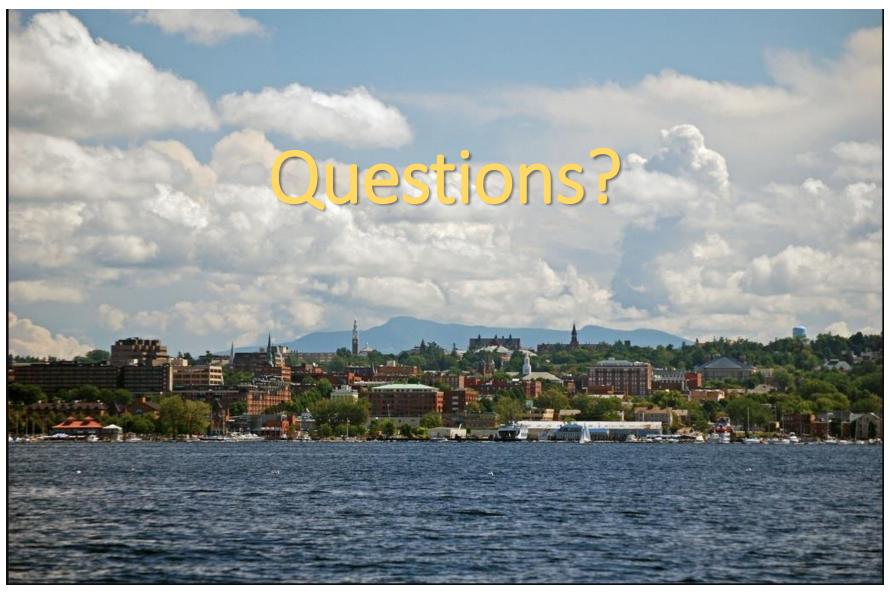
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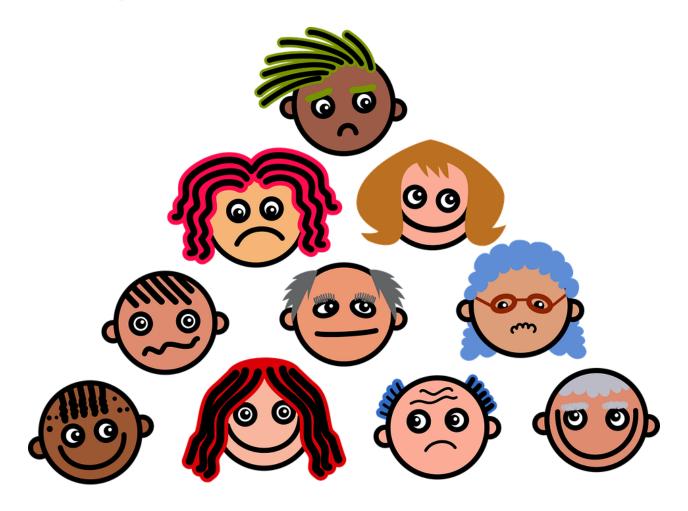


Questions?





Why Diversity? DELETE



Levine, S.S. et al. (2014). Ethnic diversity deflates price bubbles. PNAS 111(52) pp. 18524-18529



