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Specialized Education/Career Camp **Geared for Students with Disabilities**

LAS VEGAS, NV- The 11th annual Careers, Recreation and Vocational Education (CRAVE) camp kicked off today. The camp, sponsored by Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), assists recent high school graduates with disabilities to get prepared to attend college and/or move into the workforce. The week-long camp is held at UNLV and runs through June 15, 2018.

“The camp, Careers, Recreation and Vocational Education (CRAVE) welcomes 21 students from southern Nevada. The students are getting hands-on experience with college life living in the dormitories and are participating in a variety of activities,” said Shelley Hendren, administrator for DETR's Rehabilitation Division.

Activities include college preparatory training that will teach students how to navigate the college system, communicate with professors, and learn about budgeting for college, time management, and study strategies. The camp also has workshops on how to develop a resume, learn job searching techniques, self-advocacy in the workplace and explore what jobs are currently in high demand. The students will also participate in recreational activities and learn about STEM careers. Other supporters of the program include: Palms Casino Resort, David Saxe Productions, EMS Entertainment, Nevada Climbing Center, and the City of Las Vegas. As in previous years, students are selected by their special education teachers and Vocational Rehabilitation counselors.

"The students often face challenges as they move into the world of higher education and/or employment. The camp's goal is to help students with disabilities mollify those challenges," Hendren said. "This specialized camp provides students with the tools they need to succeed, while simultaneously offering them an enjoyable summer camp experience and affording the students a taste of college campus life."

DETR's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation works with high school students who have disabilities and are transitioning to post-secondary education and/or employment. Vocational Rehabilitation services are available for students whose disabilities result in a substantial barrier to employment. The program is available for all students with disabilities, not just of for those who are enrolled in special education classes.

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