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Terra hosts Ross students

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FREMONT --Nearly 30 Fremont Ross High School students visited Terra Community College Feb. 19 as part of the College Awareness Program.

The program is just what its name implies. As a collaborative partnership between Terra, Heidelberg University, the Fremont City Schools and the African American College Club, CAP seeks to provide greater access and affordability for minority students seeking higher educational opportunities at Terra and Heidelberg.

It involves multiple component parts, including academic preparation, mentoring and coaching, social and cultural activities, workshops on admissions and financial aid, and exposure to college campuses which brought the students to Terra.

"My sister and I will be going to college at the same time, so this really helped us get information," said sophomore Vanessa Rojas, 15.

Fellow sophomore Thalia Perez, 15, was impressed with the CAP program.

"It's been really helpful," said Perez, 15. "And they really do care about us."

Malcolm Leake, 15, is a freshman at Ross, but he understands it's never too early to think about college.

"It was really informational," he said of the program. "Even though I'm only a freshman, I know now what I have to do to get ready for college."

Leake went on last spring's college tour with the African American College Club and feels these programs are preparing him for his future.

"There are a lot of kids wanting to go to college and not a lot of money, so you have to learn to market yourself," he said.

For information on CAP, contact Dr. Jerry Webster, vice president of Student and Administrative Affairs at Terra, at 419-559-2395.



Ed Recker (left), director of financial aid at Terra, gives a backpack door prize to Vanessa Rojas while Thalía Pérez looks on. Recker had just presented a session on financial aid to the CAP group. (Submitted photo)