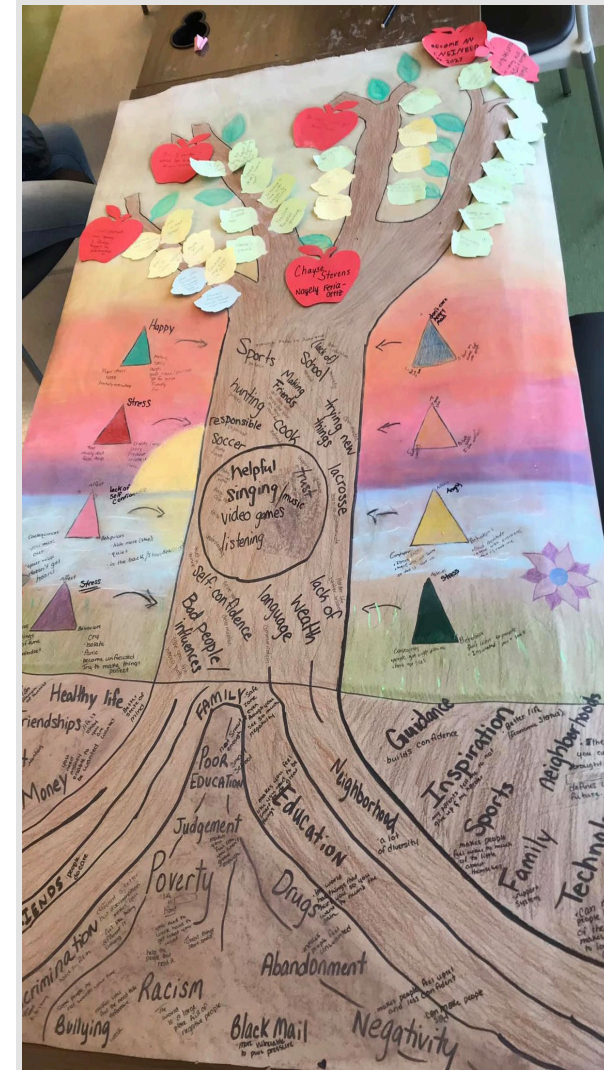




SUNY Oneonta Migrant Leadership Academy (SOMLA)





SOMLA

- **SOMLA: July 13-18th 2025**
- 6 day in-person program at SUNY Oneonta.
- Leadership and identity development courses and workshops.
- College experience- Students will stay in the dorms, use college classrooms with college professors, and eat in the dining halls.
- Presentations about CAMP, coping mechanisms, financial literacy, etc.
- Field trips and fun activities such as roller skating, kayaking and picnic at the lake, etc.

What can your students expect?

- 6 days at SUNY Oneonta – **July 13-18**
- Outstanding instruction by a college professor
- Workshops focused on enriching students' life
- Personalized academic support
- One-on-one work with CAMP team leaders and counselors
- Daily outdoor activities
- Dragon Dollars
- 1 college credit upon completing coursework



SOMLA 2025 Components

Introduction to Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skills of Emerging Leaders Class: 1 college credit<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Building Activities• Student Success Skills• Public Speaking Skills• SMART Goals Long-term Plan
Identity Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identity through Art• First Generation Connection• Opportunity to share with other students with similar backgrounds
Success After High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Emotional Learning<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Literacy• CAMP and other Educational Opportunities<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coping Mechanisms

Skills of Emerging Leaders



- Taught by Professor Karen Joest and Maria Chaves-Dasa
- Classes focus on leadership, skills for successful HS students, and SMART goals, in an engaging learning environment.
- The course will culminate with students creating and presenting their Tree Projects, which represent their identified skills, goals, and dreams.

Our Staff



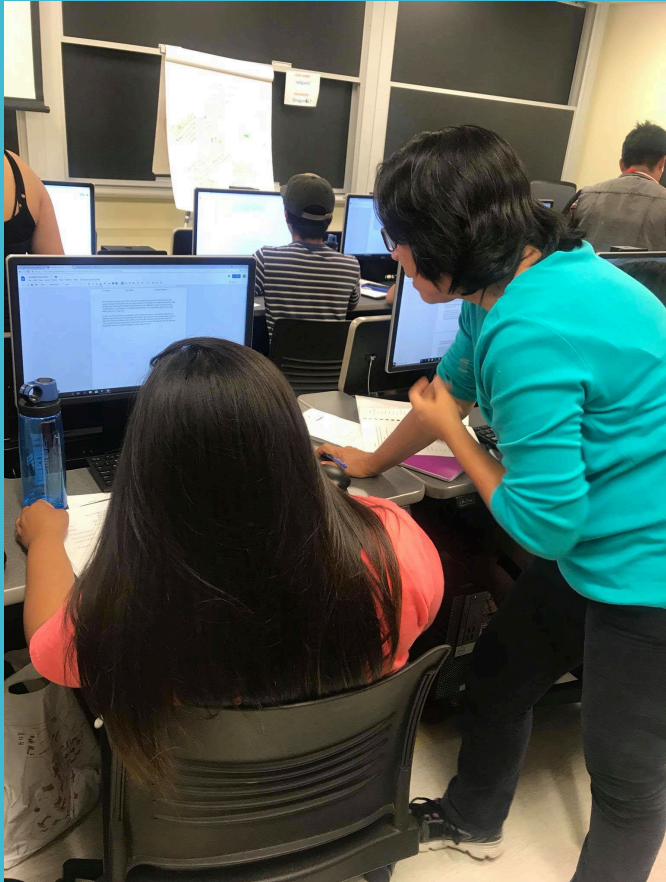
- 8 Counselors- 7 of them are **CAMP** students from SUNY Oneonta
- 4 of the Counselors are previous SOMLA/HOLA students!
- 2 Professor from SUNY Oneonta
- 2 volunteers
- 4 ID&R Staff
- 2 Overnight Staff
- Licensed Clinical Counselor
- Family nurse practitioner for a portion of the day

What are we expecting from your students?



- 6-day commitment
- Commitment to education
- Commitment to participate in all required activities
- Completion of all assigned coursework/homework
- Opportunity to enjoy summer- although learning comes first

Student Recruitment



- April and May- prime time to recruit. Start talking to your students ASAP!
- Applications are due **June 4th**- Jenny will cover where to access forms, and what you, your student, and your student's parent/guardian need to do.
- Don't limit yourself- we will accept up to 30 applications. If you have a student, submit the application!
- Please prioritize students that have not attended SOMLA before!

Recruitment “Elevator Pitch” Suggestions

- This is a scholarship and you have been selected. Opportunities like this do not come every day!
- The program is completely free and safe to attend.
- 1 College Credit
- Real college experience (opportunity to try it out and see if it’s for you!)
- May open the door for future career opportunities – letters of recommendation, connect with professionals, etc.
- Your future self will thank you for investing in yourself for these 6 days.
- Friendships, leadership, skill building.
- Show them pictures and videos (Check out our [Facebook](#) and Tik Tok.)

Who is a Candidate to Attend SOMLA?



- Current migrant eligible students or Continuation of Service students.
- Rising 11th-12th graders. Invite your 10th and 11th graders.
- Responsible and self-motivated.
- If 10th grade student- good academic standing
- Available to commit to the schedule- 6 days at SUNY Oneonta.
- This program may be challenging for very beginner English Language Learners (ELLs), but we will support all students and their needs.



How will we be supporting individual learning needs?

- Interpretation/translation will be provided.
- If your student has an IEP or any specific learning need(s) listed on their application, we will do everything we can to provide individualized support to that student. Providing a copy of the IEP will help us create the best possible support plan for your student!

Paperwork:

- Document checklist for staff
- SOMLA flyer
- Letter to student
- Letter to parents/guardians
- What to bring and Not to bring

- SOMLA Application
- SUNY Oneonta application
- SOMLA agreement
- Parent Medical consent
 - Prescription and over-the-counter medication consent form
- Parent Permission and Release
- Unofficial Transcripts

By June 4th, you can upload the forms here:

<https://nysmep.sharefile.com/r-ra2db5364ee924f4a9bbb739e764e6844>.

Paperwork Reminders:

- Check the name of the students- official names required.
- All forms should have consistent data (example: current address.)



Official Transcripts

1. Give the Transcript letter to the guidance counselor along with the SOMLA flier. Ask them if they have any questions and when you can expect they will be able to upload the transcript.
2. If you do this in person, please also let the guidance counselor know that you will send the letter via email and copy Jenny and Odilia for follow-up purposes
3. Jenny will do a follow-up email with the school counselor
4. We will ask the guidance counselors to upload the transcript between the last day of school and July 3, 2025

Official Transcripts

5. We will ask school counselors to upload the transcript via Citrix to Jenny or Odilia by **July 3rd, 2025**

<https://nysmep.sharefile.com/share/upload/r56550a2334264ff8bab568af6cb6e04c>

*Need to verify if student completed 10th grade

- You can submit all other forms via Citrix as soon as possible.
- If you are having issues with a school, call Odilia.



Transcript Letter

Dear School Counselor,

Your student has been nominated to participate in the [2025 SUNY Oneonta Migrant Leadership Academy \(SOMLA\)](#) this summer. Please see the enclosed flier for more information about the program. One college credit for *Transition Skills for Emerging Leaders (INTD 1220)* will be granted to students who successfully complete SOMLA. SUNY Oneonta requires an **official** high school transcript to enroll students and grant credit for INTD 1220 upon successful completion. The official transcript must be signed by a school official, show the student's final school year grades, and show that the student has successfully completed their sophomore year.

We have established a system for you to securely upload your student's transcripts. Please upload the official transcript file to the [NYS Migrant Education Program's secure file-sharing service via Citrix](#). To do so, click the hyperlink, and you will simply be required to enter your name and email address before moving the file to our designated folder. Should you need assistance with this process or for an alternative, please reach out to Jennifer Verdugo via email Jennifer.Verdugo@oneonta.edu or call 585-739-2821. Once a transcript is received, Jennifer will follow up with you to confirm its receipt and request any additional documentation.

Please be advised that transcripts must come directly from the student's high school, prior to the arrival of students at SUNY Oneonta. The transcripts **must be signed by a school official** to be considered official. We kindly request that you **upload the transcript no later than July 3, 2025**, to avoid any holiday delays.

- Before submitting the applications, please review the information, especially:
 - Emergency contacts
 - Educational concerns
 - Health concerns

In case of emergency, I give permission for either of the following people to be contacted:

Name		Phone:		Relationship:	
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STUDENT HEALTH CONCERNS: MEDICATIONS, ALLERGIES, HYPERACTIVITY, ETC.

STUDENT EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS: RETENTION, WARNINGS, 504 ACCOMMODATIONS, LANGUAGE DOMINANCE, ETC.

New Form – Prescription and Over-the Counter Medication

Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medication Consent Form 2025 SUNY Oneonta Migrant Leadership Academy (SOMLA)

If your child needs *any* kind of medication while at SOMLA, we need your consent for medication distribution *and* for the use of medical devices.

For prescription medications, we need additional information from the prescribing physician as well. See below.

Will your child require *prescription* medication(s) while at SOMLA? (This includes EpiPens and Inhalers.)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	If "yes," <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please have your child's physician complete page 2. Submit the completed form with your other SOMLA application documents.2. Staff at SOMLA must be made aware of the presence of EpiPens, inhalers, and/or other medications.3. If students do not have prescription medications with them upon arrival at SOMLA, they will not be permitted to stay at SOMLA. <i>Important Note:</i> Prescription medications must be brought in their original containers bearing the pharmacy label and have specific instructions for use (Child's name, number of pills, prescribing practitioner, pharmacy name, pharmacy name and address, filler's initials, and serial number).4. Your child will self-administer the medication. Should assistance be needed from SOMLA health services, please describe here:
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If "no," your child <i>must not</i> be in possession of ANY medication while at SOMLA. You only need to complete and sign page one.

SUNY Oneonta Application

- Official names and current address
- For U.S. citizen question, choose Yes or No. If they have permanent residency or DACA please attach a copy to the application.
- If they do not have a permanent residency or DACA, no further action is required.
- Make sure parents sign and date the application before submission.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

(required if student is under the age of 18)

Date: _____

Working Together to Get Students to SOMLA

METS Staff

- Identify student candidates.
- Introduce program to students.
- Help students complete application process.
- Communicate student needs to Emily/Odilia.
- Keep students in the loop about new information or updates.
- Help students understand what to pack.
- Facilitate transcript requests.
- Coordinate transportation plan.

ID&R

- Respond to student/parent or staff questions about SOMLA.
- Communicate new information or updates to Directors/METS staff.
- Communicate about student paperwork needs/concerns.
- Follow up on transcript requests.
- Call applicants and parents (separately) to introduce program and answer questions.
- Make preparations for specific student needs.



Need-to-Know Reminders:

- **July 13-18, 2025** In-person on the SUNY Oneonta campus.
- Residential program for rising 11th and 12th graders
- METS tutors- *talk to all of the 10th and 11th graders on your caseload*
- Application Deadline: **June 4th**
- Official Transcript Deadline: **July 3rd**
- We will find a way to support individual learning needs- just let us know what your student needs!
- We can support with transportation if necessary.



Questions?

