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Girls GETT into trades, tech at SIAST

Summer camp teaches students about alternative career choices

Saskatoon, July 13, 2007 – Grade 7 and 8 students from local schools have been participating in a week-long camp at SIAST Kelsey Campus. Girls Exploring Trades and Technology (GETT) camps introduce girls to industrial trades and technical career choices. They are being held at SIAST campuses across Saskatchewan this summer.

SIAST Kelsey Campus GETT coordinator Krista Wall says, “Young women haven’t traditionally considered careers in trades and technology, even though the jobs are well paying and challenging.” She adds, “There are a variety of reasons for the low numbers of women in these careers, including lack of exposure to career opportunities, lack of female role models and the fear of entering careers traditionally held by men.” GETT camps address these challenges and show young women that they can excel in these fields.

GETT campers at SIAST Kelsey Campus were taught carpentry and computer design software skills as they created and assembled go-carts. The camp also reinforces the importance of course choices such as science, math and industrial arts at the high school level.

The GETT camp wrapped up with a barbecue and a fun competition in which the girls raced their go-karts. The girls were recognized for their achievements at a short awards ceremony.

SIAST is Saskatchewan’s primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 28,000 individual course registrations. It operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince

Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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