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Girls GETT into trades, tech at SIAST

Summer camp teaches students about alternative career choices

Regina, July 20, 2007 – Grade 7 and 8 students from local schools have been participating in a week-long camp at SIAST Wascana 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 Wascana Campus GETT coordinator Trisha Jattansingh is pleased with the results of the camp. "GETT camp was a great success this year. The girls had the opportunity to visit a female firefighter at Fire Station No. 3 as well as meet many female engineers at Sasktel," Jattansingh says. "We hope that by introducing them to women who are actively involved in trades and technology careers we have shown them that young women can excel in these fields," she adds.

GETT campers at SIAST Wascana Campus were taught carpentry and computer design software skills as they created and assembled go-karts. 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 11,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 29,000 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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