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Girls GETT a taste of trades, technology at SIAST *SIAST Palliser GETT Camp concludes with go-kart race*

Moose Jaw, July 18, 2008 – Grade 7 and 8 students from local schools have been participating in a week-long camp at SIAST Palliser 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.

“The girls had the opportunity to change spark plugs with a female automotive service technician, make extension cords with a local female electrician as well as meet many women working for the City of Moose Jaw as engineers, pipefitters and truck drivers. By introducing participants to women who are actively involved in trades and technology careers, we hope to show that young women can excel in these fields,” says local GETT Camp coordinator, Trisha Jattansingh.

GETT campers at SIAST Palliser 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. Almost 12,000 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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