

Monsanto Fund Grant sparks learning at SIUE Engineering Camps

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EDWARDSVILLE - The Monsanto Fund helped the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Engineering successfully conduct its annual Summer Camps during June. The \$15,000 grant assisted the School in hosting two separate weeklong camps for 55 high school students from six states by providing scholarships, supplies and instruction costs.

The camps are designed to provide students with hands-on experience in the world of engineering. The engaging projects that students worked on included:

Programming robots

Programming traffic signals

Working on hovercrafts

Working on rockets

Building water filters and circuits

Developing four-dimensional construction projects

Tours of [Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery](#) and discussions with the company's engineers.

“We are grateful for Monsanto Fund’s support, because these camps open a world of engineering possibilities to students and let them know that SIUE is a great place to learn and discover,” said **Chris Gordon, associate dean of the SIUE School of Engineering and summer camp director**. “During the past five years, campers from 12 states have participated in the summer camps.

“We have seen previous campers return to SIUE to begin their studies. This shows the value of the camp experience in attracting talented students and in helping them to identify and pursue their goals.”

The Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery is also a corporate sponsor for the camps.

About the Monsanto Fund

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The [SIUE School of Engineering](#) offers one of the most comprehensive and affordable engineering programs in the St. Louis region with eight undergraduate degrees, five master's degrees and a cooperative doctoral program, all housed in a state-of-the-art facility. Students learn from expert faculty, perform cutting-edge research, and participate in intercollegiate design competitions. Companies in the metropolitan St. Louis area provide students challenging internships and co-op opportunities, which often turn into permanent employment. All undergraduate programs are accredited by their respective accreditation agencies.

