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Harrisburg Middle Schoolers to Experience College Life during “E²” at Shippensburg

SHIPPENSBURG, Pa. — Two dozen seventh and eighth graders from the Harrisburg School District will get a taste of life as a college student when the Shippensburg University Honors Program hosts them for Excitement in Education this Saturday, November 8.

Excitement in Education is an annual program that brings lower income middle school students from the Harrisburg area to Shippensburg University for a day of fun, educational workshops and introduction to the college atmosphere. This year’s event is scheduled to run from 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Shippen Hall.

“One of our main goals is to inspire students to pursue a college education when they graduate from high school,” said Honors senior Valerie Koontz, who is helping to organize the event. “We put a creative, hands-on spin on learning.”

The middle schoolers will take part in three courses of their choice led by Honors students. The selection includes such offerings as “Experimenting with Science,” where students will practice the scientific method through experiments and demonstrations, “Crack the Code,” where students will discover their inner sleuth and learn about secret codes, and “Outside the Lines,” where students will be introduced to watercolor and create their own masterpiece.

They’ll also have the chance to enjoy lunch in a university dining hall, take a tour of the Shippensburg campus, and ask Honors students questions about the college experience.

Excitement in Education, also known as E², has been sponsored by the Shippensburg University Honors Program since 1992. In recent years the program has been coordinated with Gear-Up, a Harrisburg school program designed to increase college awareness and prepare middle and high school students for college through mentoring, career development, and scholarships.

“Excitement in Education is an interactive and interesting program for the students,” said Diane Hasan, a Gear-Up grant manager. “It provokes students to stretch their imaginations without pressure, giving each student a way to find excitement in education.”

For more information about Excitement in Education, contact Dr. Kim Klein, Honors Program director, at (717) 477-1604 or kmklei@ship.edu.

The Shippensburg University Honors Program is made up of more than 150 undergraduate students of diverse backgrounds and interests who are accepted to the program based on academic achievement, intellectual curiosity, and evidence of leadership and community service.

The Honors Program offers small, dynamic classes with excellent instruction and high levels of energy and participation; opportunities for research projects, internships, and study abroad experiences; and cultural events, social activities, and service projects. For more information, contact Dr. Kim Klein, Honors Program director, at (717) 477-1604 or kmklei@ship.edu.



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