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This year we are proudly celebrating the 35th year of the Youth in College Program! Youth in College (YIC) program has been a part of the summer school program in the Stevens Point Area Public School District, hosted by the Talent Development Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. YIC has proudly been serving the Stevens Point community for generations and keeps growing year by year with your support.

We are collaborating with the Stevens Point Area Public School District for the development of another wonderful program, STEM for Young Scholars. STEM for Young Scholars is a summer program designed for students who are currently in grades 6-8 and are interested in participating in unique programs that UWSP has to offer within the STEM fields. We offer engaging classes from Lego robotics to astronomy in the program. We are sure that this program will also be a great asset to the Stevens Point area community as well as the Youth in College program.

Registration for Youth in College and STEM for Young Scholars usually opens around late March. This year several classes filled by the end of the first week of registration. If there is a class that your child has a special interest in taking, please register quickly.

The Youth in College, STEM for Young Scholars staff and I hope that your children have had a wonderful time this year. It has been delightful to meet your children!

See you next year...

We hope your children enjoyed their experiences...

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The School of Education develops highly qualified professional educators who honor the uniqueness of all learners and actively demonstrate the knowledge, skills and dispositions of effective teachers positively impacting our diverse world.

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Do you like a really good mystery? Our Crime Lab Campers sure do! YIC crime scene investigation team has been working long hours to find out who poisoned Professor Parris. Investigators learned how to collect and analyze finger prints, “blood,” fibers, hair, and tool mark evidence left at a crime scene just the way CSI and FBI investigators do.
Our students learned basic Spanish through games, art projects, music, conversation, and cooking. We learned about colors, numbers, animals, the alphabet, food, clothes and so much more! Students greatly enjoyed learning about Spanish culture!
Our students took a trip down the ancient Nile River to learn about the Egyptians and why they decorated themselves with gold and jewels. We learned the history of this ancient culture while trying our hand at basic jewelry making techniques. We learned how to saw, sand, and file our jewels. We had such an incredible journey and made beautiful treasures all inspired by the ancient Egyptians!
The students have had a great time participating in games and activities to learn the different aspects of theater! Theater vocabulary, charades, improvisation, script writing, prop designing, and more! Within the last couple of weeks, students have learned everything they need to know to develop their own production. They have been working hard to develop their own masterpiece on stage by writing scripts and designing props. We can't wait to see all of the pieces come together for their final performance!
Do you have what it takes to become a mathemagician? Our Mathemagic students do! These students spent two weeks discovering the magic of math everywhere from business to art to logic to history. These students used numbers to create beautiful artworks, clay pens, and run their own classroom community! The proceeds they’ve earned from selling their clay pens are going to the Humane Society of Portage County!
Ahoy! Our students climbed aboard to study famous shipwrecks around the world like the Titanic and Edmund Fitzgerald. Students researched and created a presentation using Google slides on a famous shipwreck of their choice. We also engaged in some friendly competitions including, the good ship M&M, battleship, build/race a boat, and much more.
In Spaceship to the Moon, we have been busy exploring the surface of the moon as well as moon landings. We built out our paper mache moons and modeled the phases of the moon with Oreos. We have also explored the moon landings and got a taste of astronaut life. Along with all the fun in the classroom, we went on an exciting field trip to the UWSP Planetarium where we learned all about constellations and the make-up of different types of stars.
We began class by bringing in our favorite board games from home and playing them. We studied different mechanics that board games use to make the game fun to play. Next, we created our own board games! We worked in small groups to brainstorm game ideas and then made a prototype of the game. New this year, we went to an escape room to test our logic and problem-solving skills. On our last day students and parents played the games we made and any game we tried throughout the class.
The island’s Chamber of Commerce was unable to comment about the sudden interest in the notorious pirate pals have all come to Treasure Trove Island in search of the lost treasure that legend reveals is hidden some place on the island. While Captain Kid and Company cannot wait to get their greedy hands on the jewels, gold and silver, hidden on the island, the Youth in College Crew is using their knowledge, skill and talents to reveal treasures worth much more than silver and gold. You might just find yourself to be one of the richest people in the world. (We sure hope so!!)
Would you like to travel around the world and discover interesting facts about your favorite animals and their habitats? These students spent three weeks on an adventure that took them to a new animal habitat each day. Students used computers and books to research information about their favorite animals. We’ll present our discoveries to our families. Come join us for a wonderful time!
Our Youth Teaching Academy students have been working on their beginning teaching skills. They have enjoyed the opportunities of teaching lessons to younger children and to assisting their Youth in College teachers. As a member of the Youth Teaching Academy, these students acted as a role model to the younger children in YIC. The Teaching Academy students challenged themselves to help the students in their class, ensured that the YIC students and they themselves followed all classroom rules, maintained a positive attitude, and took on each day with enthusiasm. Thank you all for your help and support throughout the past three weeks. We could not have done it without you!
STEM for Young Scholars

Students who completed grades 6-8

STEM for Young Scholars is a summer program designed for students who are currently in grades 6-8 and are interested in participating in unique programs that UWSP has to offer within the STEM fields. STEM for Young Scholars is hosted by the School of Education and held at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

2019 Classes

- Become the Nerd Everyone Talks About (Taught by Dr. Kele Anyanwu)
- Let’s Solve It: Cool Problems in Mathematics (Taught by Dr. Sinan Kanbir)
- Computer Coding 101 (Taught by Chelsea Wood)
- Journey Through the Universe (Taught by Dr. Adriana Durbala)
- Lego Robotics (Taught by Chelsea Wood)
Extra Photos!

To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.

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Professor Bahar is the recipient of numerous awards including Math Hero of the Year Award (national recognition by Raytheon Co & MathMovesU in 2009, United States) and Edith May Sliffe Distinguished Teaching Award (nation-wide recognition by Mathematical Association of America in 2010).

Program Coordinator  Emily Wahlquist may be new to the School of Education, but she is a UWSP alumna. Emily holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology with concentrations in human services and training in Youth Programming and Camp Management. Emily has also completed a master’s degree in Administrative Leadership with a concentration in Higher Education from UW-Milwaukee. Emily wishes to continue learning in her new positions within SOE and is greatly looking forward to the exciting changes to come with the Talent Development Center here at UWSP.