College for Kids at STCC offers fun, educational experiences

SPRINGFIELD – The College for Kids at Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) is a summer program that exposes participants between 11 and 17 to learning opportunities available in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. Some of the available programs focus on arts and sports.

The "Summer of STEM" will give young people the chance to learn about architecture, lasers, fidget spinners and more.

The College for Kids at STCC programs on tap through August are as follows: Rock-It Science from July 22 to July 26 for ages 11 through 14: Have fun doing innovative, hands-on science. Activities include using a giant catapult to predict and project objects' path through the air, designing and building rockets, seeing and hearing "sound waves" while playing musical instruments, building and racing solar cars, and observing rainbows in the sky to explore the nature of light. Activities are coordinated with the Springfield Science Museum. Cost is $279.

Forensics from July 29 to Aug. 2 for ages 11 through14: Forensic science is the study of crime scenes and criminal identities. This course will provide students with hands-on experience in forensic science and investigative skills. Cost is $279.

The Play's The Thing from July 29 to Aug. 2 for ages 11 through14: A week of theater immersion that includes theater games, improvisation, and an adap-

Mya Zheleznyakov, of Longmeadow, left, and Jania Pagan, of Springfield, participate in an experiment during a College for Kids biotechnology workshop on June 25 at STCC.

tive short play performed at the end of the week for family and friends. This week of theater builds social skills, confidence, and self-esteem. Cost is $279.

Basketball from July 29 to Aug. 2 for ages 11 through 14. Cost is $169.

Keyboarding from July 29 to Aug. 2 for ages 11 through14: Build necessary keyboarding skills through the use of interactive games and a keyboarding software program. The lessons are fun and help to build a strong typing foundation. Cost is $199.

For more information and to sign up online, people may visit stcc.edu/explore/summer-programs. For questions, people may contact Lidya Rivera-Early, director of Community Engagement, at (413) 755-4787 or email lmearly@stcc.edu.