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Solano County Office of Education Hosts Girls in Robotics Leadership Camps

Solano County, CA- This Friday concludes Solano County Office of Education's (SCOE) series of free Girls In Robotics Leadership (GIRL) camps offered to middle school and high school girls throughout Solano County. SCOE hosted the week-long camps in partnership with UC Davis Computing-Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (C-STEM). GIRL camps provide opportunities for Solano County students to learn leadership skills as well as STEM and coding concepts through a fun and exciting robotics-based curriculum. This year, SCOE offered GIRL camps for middle schoolers and a GIRL+ camp for high school girls.

"SCOE's GIRL camps help bridge the gender gap in STEM-related fields. It is my hope that these camps will encourage the girls to dive deeper into coding and robotics and consider a career path in computing, engineering or similar professions," said Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

During the series of camps, more than 80 girls practiced teamwork, communication, robotics, principles in engineering, and Ch/C/C++ (programming code). They were able to meet with females from engineering and other technology-related companies such as ENGIE and Collins Aerospace. The GIRL campers also learned film production and made short videos featuring Linkbot "actors" that they programmed to perform movements. GIRL+ campers learned different Arduino applications as well. Each week ended with students showcasing their video projects and coding skills to their parents, SCOE and district officials, and community members.

The camps were held at Solano Community College in Vacaville, Fairfield, and Vallejo. A total of four GIRL camps and one GIRL+ camp were hosted by SCOE between June 6-24, 2022.

For more information about the GIRL and GIRL+ Camps, contact SCOE's Director of Innovative Programs and Student Success Lilibeth Pinpin, PhD at lpinpin@solanocoe.net or 707-399-4439.

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