

NKU Hosts IT Camp

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Northern Kentucky University will host its first offering of the INTERalliance IT Careers Camp for six local high schools.

Twenty students from Campbell County, Covington Catholic, Highlands, Notre Dame Academy, Ryle and Villa Madonna high schools will spend the week living in NKU's dorms, taking day trips to local sponsors, and enjoying nightly activities such as campus scavenger hunts.

INTERalliance is sponsoring the event, usually held at the University of Cincinnati, at NKU from July 21 to 25, with the College of Informatics.

"This year's offering at NKU will hopefully be the first of many as we include Northern Kentucky's high schools in this important outreach. NKU has really pulled out all the stops to make this an amazing experience," said Doug Arthur, executive director of the INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati in a press release.

As a part of the camp, the students will be divided up into four teams with Fidelity Investments, Mercy Health Partners, Schneider Electric and Tier 1 Performance as sponsors.

Each team will compete in various activities to earn points. At the end of the week, points will be tallied and the team with the most points will be declared the winner of NKU's INTERalliance IT Careers Camp Challenge.

In addition to the team sponsorships, NKU has partnered with Redwood Rehabilitation Center to allow for students to create a communication enhancement device that can be used by children with disabilities.

The teams will have access to the most advanced technology at NKU for their creations and, at the end of the week, they will showcase their inventions to the staff at Redwood.

One of the teams will then be named winners of the Redwood Challenge.

"I am looking forward to the upcoming INTERalliance Careers Camp at NKU with much excitement and hope for the campers who participate," Teri Slick, assistant dean of the College of Informatics at NKU, said in a press release.

"Since the founding of the College of Informatics in 2005, we have made it an unstated goal to continually offer innovative learning opportunities for current and future students. This IT Careers Camp fits perfectly with that goal."

The participating students were nominated by their high schools and chosen based on aptitude for technology, interest in IT, and an interest in local universities.

The camp is designed to give the students a behind-the-scenes look at IT in action and help further their understanding of the importance of continuing their education in IT and how IT will positively affect their own endeavors as well as the lives of others.

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