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Hundreds of high schoolers from tri-county visit campus

More than 450 students from 11 high schools in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties visited Wayne State on Nov. 2 to learn about research and careers in psychology. The "Exploring Psychology" program, an initiative of the psychology department, was conceived as a way to familiarize prospective college students with the broad range of topics that psychologists explore and the scientific techniques used to study them.

The half-day program began with introductory remarks by Professor Lisa Rapport, followed by a video presentation from the American Psychological Association in the Bernath Auditorium of the David Adamany Undergraduate Library.

Students then broke into smaller groups for visits to seven different psychology department laboratories to observe ongoing research. The research projects range from learning processes in sea animals to neural processing of pain, and from how older adults cope with emotion to how adolescents face homelessness. The visit concluded with a tour of the Wayne State campus.

Participating high schools were Romulus, Troy, Waterford Mott, L'Anse Creuse, Armada, Lincoln Park, Southfield Lathrup, Detroit Cass Technical, Grosse Pointe North, Hazel Park, and Stevenson.

The entire psychology department was involved in making the visit an educational and enjoyable experience for the visiting students. Department Chairman Joseph Jacobson is confident the program will increase awareness of the world-class research being accomplished and the exceptional educational opportunities offered by the psychology department.

The first event of its kind for the department, the

Exploring Psychology program generated far greater interest from high schools than planners had anticipated. Students who could not be accommodated this time were placed on a priority list to attend a similar program at a later date.

More information is available from Shelly Seguin, undergraduate adviser in the department, at 577-2809.



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Associate Professor George Borszcz, psychology department, makes a point about the human brain to students from Grosse Pointe North and Armada high schools.