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East Gainesville Initiative Summer Camp Exposes Middle Schoolers to Benefits of Technical Careers

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GAINESVILLE - More than 40 middle schoolers will learn about the importance of science, math and engineering at Santa Fe Community College's East Gainesville Initiative Summer Camp.

The camp is a collaboration between Santa Fe, 14 faith-based churches in East Gainesville, the University of Florida's College of Engineering, and the Governor's Front Porch Initiative. It will meet at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 2505 NE 8th Ave., from June 26-30. Students were selected for participation by their local schools and churches.

The afternoon portion of the camp will highlight life skills including etiquette, self defense, conflict resolution, carpentry, CPR, and financial literacy. The students will participate in a community service project at Gardenia Gardens Apartments.

Camp doesn't stop at the end of the week. The students will be mentored and supported throughout the coming academic year.

The East Gainesville Initiative is Santa Fe's effort to partner for positive change with community groups, churches and the citizens of East Gainesville. EGI is working with citizens to expand educational outreach, cultural and athletic events, economic development and transportation, and sharing technology.

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