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## INTEGRATED FIELD EXPERIENCE TRUMAN COLLEGE

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### **REPORTS**

that Truman College Office of School/College Partnerships, in cooperation with Edge/Up, held its second annual Integrated Field Experience July 19-21, 1999, directed by Elena Mulcahy, Director of School/College Partnerships, and Sarah Calderon of Edge/up; and

that the three-day tour of science-related workplaces was designed to give high school teachers and Truman College faculty the insight to connect the needs of the workplace to the students; and

that the Integrated Field Experience included a SCANS (Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills) workshop on building real skills into classroom lessons; and

that 32 science teachers and counselors from five North Side public high schools, two adult education centers, Truman College and Northeastern Illinois University then visited Weiss Memorial Hospital for biotechnology, the BP Amoco Research Center for chemical technology and S&C Electric for electronics production and testing; and

that participants inquired about what preparation required for particular jobs and learned that competencies required for success included good decision making and communication skills, the ability to work successfully in teams and ability to incorporate technology into work; and

that most participants attended all three days of the workshop and their evaluations rated the SCANS workshop and the site visits as "excellent;" and

that the participants were also asked to create lesson plans based on their experiences, which will be bound in a book and presented to each participant.

Respectfully submitted

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