

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of Illinois**Wright College Reaches Out to the Community With Six Summer Camps for Youths;
More Than 85 Campers Aged 6 Through 18 Involved****THE CHANCELLOR**

REPORTS: that Wright College is hosting six summer camps for community youths this summer. The Camps are: *Summer on Stage at Wright College*, *Aviation Careers Camp (ACE)*, three *Sports Activity Camps* and a *Computer Camp*. The camps are coordinated by Wright's Continuing Education Division.

Summer on Stage at Wright College, for youngsters in grade three through grade eight, ran July 5 through July 23. Twenty-five would-be thespians learned to sing, dance, act and recite poetry in the camp. They also took a field trip to Eli's Cheesecake Company and toured the bakery and visited the New Horizon Center for the developmentally challenged, both neighbors and community partners with Wright College. The camp was coordinated by the artists and teachers of The Happiness Club, an organized group of Chicago youth who advocate "ethics for kids." Hosted by Wright College, they sing, dance, rap and create their own material. This is the second year Wright has hosted *Summer on Stage at Wright College*.

The second annual *Aviation Careers Camp (ACE)* hosted by Wright College ran July 26 through July 30, and enrolled 21 youth aged 13 through 18. The camp was designed for inner city teenagers interested in aviation or aviation-related careers. Many of the participants attended on scholarships. Campers learned about airplanes, flying and flight safety, took orientation flights in single engine aircraft, visited Midway Airport and the FAA Control Tower and attended the Osh Kosh Air Show, where they met and talked with aviation professionals. City of Chicago Aviation Commissioner John A. Roberson gave the keynote address on graduation day, July 30. ACE is sponsored by the FAA, Wilbur Wright College, the organization of Black Airline Pilots, and the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees. Omega Airport Transportation Company and several other area businesses are sponsoring supporters.

The three Sports/Activity Camps are annual events at Wright and are part of Family College. A total of 26 youngsters aged 6 to 12 enrolled. Sessions were scheduled June 7 through June 11, June 14 through June 18, and June 21 through June 25. Daily activities included instruction drills and games in basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, football and more. Youngsters also swam daily.

The annual Computer Camp, also part of Family College, is scheduled to run Aug. 9 through Aug. 13. As of Aug. 1 a dozen teenagers aged 12 through 18 had registered. The camp will focus on surfing the Internet.

Respectfully submitted,

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