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SIFT Closing Showcase Set for August 3

Willimantic, CT. – The Tenth Annual Summer Institute for Future Teachers

(SIFT) program at Eastern Connecticut State University will come to a close on Aug. 3 at noon.

Twenty-seven high school juniors and seniors from 17 Connecticut school districts are participating in this year's SIFT, which explores the teaching profession through coursework and field trips; working with pre-school, elementary and middle-school children; and integrating education theory with practical experience. Students are also participating in workshops ranging from team-building and practice in curriculum development to field experiences in summer enrichment programs. Students are expected to prepare and present lesson plans, create positive learning environments, give detailed reports defending their choices for classroom layout, and maintain journals reflecting on their teaching observations and experiences.

By the time they graduate, participants will develop a professional portfolio and earn three undergraduate credits.

For more information about SIFT, contact David Stoloff at (860) 465-5501, or email stoloffd@easternct.edu.

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