Saddleback College Science Faculty Help Mission Viejo Girls Scouts Earn Patches

Mission Viejo, CA – The Saddleback College Division of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering welcomed 125 Girl Scouts on Saturday, November 14th for a day of learning and science experiments during which the girls earned science-related badges for their participation. College faculty members provided a demonstration, held question-and-answer sessions, and assisted students during their hands-on experiments.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “Partnering with the Girl Scouts for the day was the perfect opportunity to show these young girls that science is a fun subject and can lead to great, interesting careers. The Mathematics, Science, and Engineering staff and faculty who dedicated their Saturday should be commended, and especially electronics instructor Elisia Sierakowski of the Division of Advanced Technology and Applied Science for her leadership in organizing the event.”

Jim Wright, Dean of the Division of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering, stated, “It is always a treat to welcome young visitors to the college and give them a glimpse into the incredible programs and faculty we have here. Thank you to our wonderful faculty, and staff for providing this memorable and educational event for the Girl Scouts.”

The event was a collaborative effort that included Chemistry Department Chair Dr. Scott Fier, Chemistry Professor Dr. Christina Abel, and Biology Professor Steve Teh, who helped the Girl Scouts with their experiments and answered all of their science-related questions. Chemistry Instructor Dr. Jim Zoval gave the girls a presentation on food groups, health, and even treated attendees to a chemistry explosion. The Chemistry Department provided the girls with the chemicals and glassware that they needed to complete their science experiments and the college’s bookstore donated a tote bag to each student where they could store their pens, pencils, and science logbooks.

Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College provides quality higher education and training to the greater south Orange County community. Having served more than 500,000 students since 1968, Saddleback College offers more than 300 degree and certificate programs to help students reach their personal, career, and educational goals. For more information, please visit www.saddleback.edu.

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