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Michigan Teens Sample a Taste of College Life

High school students throughout Michigan will have the opportunity to gather for two weeks at Madonna University in Livonia as participants in the 2000 Summer Institute for the Arts, Sciences and Technology sponsored by the Michigan State Board of Education. These students will live on campus from July 9-22 and be involved in intensive lab and field experiences, discussions, research, technology and techniques, with some of Michigan's top artists, teachers, researchers and business and industry professionals. A group of 120 teens - high school sophomores and juniors - will be selected to participate.

Those interested in this experience should contact their school counselor, call the Summer Institute Office at (517) 244-1249 or Madonna University at (734) 432-5428 to get an application. The deadline for submitting applications is February 21. Participants will be selected in April by state review teams based on their exceptional interest and/or aptitude. Each student will be asked to submit an essay and recommendations to be considered for a position.

"We are excited about the opportunity the Summer Institute provides for Michigan students. One of the greatest attributes of the program is the recognition that there are many types of talents. The students who come together from all over the state have an opportunity to interact with other young people they would probably never have the occasion to meet. Each year, the students leave with pleasant memories and educational experiences that will enrich the rest of their lives," said Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz, vice president for student services and a coordinator of the Summer Institute at Madonna University.

As one of eight institutions chosen to participate, this is Madonna University's seventh year in the program. The University is offering the following intensive classes: Internationalizing For A Global World; Music Video Production; Black and White Photography; Journalism; Sign Language and Artistic Interpretation for the Deaf; Japanese Language and Culture; Molecular Genetics and Genetic Engineering; Creative Writing; and Chemistry and Biology of the Rouge River. Approximately 10 to 12 students will attend each class.

State funds and federal dollars help to offset the total institute costs, as a result, the registration fee is only \$250 for each student. Financial assistance may be available for students who can show need.

Also, the institute is offering exploratory sessions throughout the two weeks. Four sessions will be offered with a variety of topics to choose from, ranging from the arts to self development.

Students will also have the opportunity to participate in activities such as a talent show, film nights, video festival, field trips and a farewell banquet which is held the last night of the institute. Applications to next summer's institute are available from high school counselors beginning in January of 2001.

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

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