

SPRINGFIELD

# STCC offers 'Summer of STEM'

Do you have children who are ready to learn while having fun?

Consider registering them for College for Kids at Springfield Technical Community College, a summer program that exposes participants between 11 and 17 to learning opportunities available in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. Some of the available programs focus on arts and sports.

The "Summer of STEM" will give young people the chance to learn about architecture, lasers, fidget spinners and more.

Here are the College for Kids at STCC programs on tap through August:

■ **Rock-It Science**, July 22-26, (ages 11-14, \$279): Have fun doing innovative, hands-on science. Activities include using a giant catapult to predict and project objects' path through the air, designing and building rockets, seeing and hearing "sound waves" while



Mya Zheleznyakov, of Longmeadow, left, and Jania Pagan, of Springfield, participate in an experiment during a College for Kids biotechnology workshop on June 25 at STCC.

playing musical instruments, building and racing solar cars, and observing rainbows in the sky to explore the nature of light. Activities are coordinated with the Springfield Science Museum.

■ **Forensics**, July 29-Aug. 2, (ages 11-14, \$279): Forensic science is the study of crime

scenes and criminal identities. This course will provide students with hands-on experience in forensic science and investigative skills.

■ **The Play's The Thing**, July 29-Aug. 2 (ages 11-14, \$279): A week of theater immersion that includes theater games, improvisation, and an adaptive



Professor Lisa Rapp, chair of the biotechnology program at STCC, leads a College for Kids workshop program at STCC on June 25. The students are, from left, Xavier Vasquez, of Springfield; Bradford de Villier, of Agawam; Mya Zheleznyakov, of Longmeadow, and Jania Pagan, of Springfield.

short play performed at the end of the week for family and friends. This week of theater builds social skills, confidence, and self-esteem.

■ **Basketball**, July 29-Aug. 2 (ages 11-14, \$169)

■ **Keyboarding**, July 29-Aug. 2 (ages 11-14, \$199): Build necessary keyboarding skills through the use of interactive games and a keyboarding soft-

ware program. The lessons are fun and help to build a strong typing foundation.

For more information and to sign up for the programs online, visit [stcc.edu/explore/summer-programs](http://stcc.edu/explore/summer-programs). For questions, contact Lidya Rivera-Early, director of Community Engagement, at 413-755-4787 or email [lmearly@stcc.edu](mailto:lmearly@stcc.edu).