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## Three Kansas Mini-Future Teacher Academies to be held this spring

Select middle school students from Emporia, Topeka and Wichita will attend one-day conferences this spring in order to consider careers in education.

Eighth graders nominated by educators in the three cities will attend "mini" Kansas Future Teacher Academies at Emporia State University on the following dates: Emporia, February 8; Topeka, March 8; Wichita, April 26. This will be the third year the mini-Kansas Future Teacher Academy is held.

"Research shows students who have an in-depth look at education careers will consider entering that field as they move through high school and college," said Dr. Scott Waters, director of the academy. "For several years we had dreamed of holding a one-day conference for middle school students – particularly under-represented student populations – with the goal of planting seeds for younger students to consider entering the teaching profession. With funding from the state legislature, we are now in our third year of offering the program to selected eighth graders."

Activities will include sessions on setting goals, technology, and general information about attending college.

This one-day academy was coordinated by the schools and Future Teacher Academy faculty consisting of ESU and area K-12 instructors.

For 18 years the Kansas Future Teacher Academy has been a week-long academy for high school students held during the summer. That academy will be held again this summer June 24-28 at ESU. The KFTA is coordinated by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at ESU. Applications for those academies are due March 16, 2007.

For more information about the academy, contact Scott Waters at 620-341-5764.



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