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Registration for BASF's TECH Academy in Chattanooga is now open

CHATTANOOGA, TN, February 22, 2024 – Registration is now open for BASF's TECH Academy, a program that introduces rising high school juniors and seniors in Hamilton County to technical and craft careers. The BASF program, in partnership with Chattanooga State Community College, kicks off the week of June 10 and guides students through hands-on demonstrations and experiments at Chattanooga State, while leading career-focused discussions with BASF personnel and providing tours of local employers.

"TECH Academy provides immersive learning experiences, classroom sessions and visits to nearby facilities, leveraging the knowledge of industry experts in manufacturing to introduce students to the diverse technical careers awaiting them," said Shelly King, Site Director of BASF's facility in Chattanooga.

The program will show participants what it is like working as an operator, instrument technician, maintenance technician, lab technician, welder, and many other jobs.

Topics such as engineering practices, 3D printing, mechatronics, and robotics are explored in classroom and in-field settings. This year, TECH Academy students will enjoy tours of Komatsu, Chattanooga Bakery Inc., Branch Technology, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) dam and BASF's Chattanooga facility.

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The program, fully-funded by BASF, is free for students and is part of BASF's science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) education and workforce development efforts.

"This program really champions STEAM education while fostering the growth of local industries and economies through dedicated investment in students, preparing them to contribute meaningfully to the workforce," stated King. "There's a wealth of opportunities often overlooked by high schoolers, and we're committed to bridging that awareness gap."

The application may be found online at <https://bit.ly/ChattTechAcademy2024>. The deadline to apply is April 14.

More information on TECH Academy may be found [here](#). For more information on BASF in Tennessee, please visit <https://www.basf.us/TN>.

An informational flyer for TECH Academy 2023 may be found at this Dropbox link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/a2xtangbhtj0p0hfccgb1/2024-TECH-Academy-Flyer.pdf?rlkey=w1oqe5s019w4bfns30hx7g3fw&dl=0>

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