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## Peace students exposed to engineering, technology at IIT

Engineering crosses a variety of career paths from robotics to writing, Queen of Peace students learned during a daylong field trip to Illinois Institute of Technology.

On Monday, Sept. 29, 189 frosh and upperclass students heard from Peace alumnae about how they moved from their high school alma mater to IIT and into a career touched by math, science or engineering. Students also got a taste of engineering with a number of hands-on activities that IIT faculty and students led.

Students built a tower of balloons using only 31 balloons and tape, built remote control robots from a kit and raced them, created logic questions for an artificial intelligence activity and learned how hybrid cars are developed.

The IIT field trip was planned as part of Queen of Peace's commitment to exposing students to 21st century learning skills.

"The robotics presentations and activities were informative and offered a view of how robots are used in many different fields," said Barbara Smith, Assistant principal for Technology Integration. "Peace has established a Robotics Club and will be entering the U.S. FIRST Tech Challenge in December and the US FIRST Robotics competition in February."