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NORRIS CITY, ILLINOIS STUDENT
IN CASE PROGRAM AT USI

Norris City, Illinois students Blaine Ray, son of Mike and Karen Ray, 603 E. Main, is completing the five-week Career Awareness in Science and Engineering (CASE) program at the University of Southern Indiana. He is among 40 students in the program, designed to instill an enthusiasm for science and engineering in middle school students through field trips, guest lecturers, and laboratory work in the science and engineering laboratories at USI. The students will complete the course with a commencement ceremony on Wednesday, July 31.

According to Augustine J. Fredrich, chairperson of USI's Engineering Technology Department and program director, "The program is designed to create an awareness in middle school students early in their academic careers to prepare them for college. He added, "We have a dual purpose in the program. We also want to enhance their academic ability and make them better students. We have them participate in labs, listen to current college students about their view of science and engineering courses, and meet professionals in the field. The schedule gives these students an appreciation for both the challenges and rewards of careers in science and engineering."

The program's intent was to help offset the diminishing interest among young people toward careers in science and engineering. This is the first year for the program at USI.

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