

CSM Students Take to the Road to Spread STEM Fun to the Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital

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College of Southern Maryland (CSM) students traveled to Dulles Expo Center November 16, 2019 to help Girl Scouts troops from the Nation's Capital Council learn about CSM's cyber and robotics teams. The Scouts who stopped by CSM's booth got hands-on practice and personal advice from members of CSM Talons, the college's competitive robotics team, and members of the CyberHawks, the college's competitive cybersecurity team. In addition, many Girl Scouts earned their cyber and robotics badges.

Photo: CSM students Seth Johnson and Ben Mead hand the robotic controls over to curious Girl Scouts attending the Girl Scout Expo.

The Girl Scout Expo allowed for Scouts from all over the region to explore Girl Scout activities, with a focus on STEM, the outdoors, life skills and entrepreneurship.

Photo: CSM student and Talon team member Julia Czecha teaches robotics at the 2019 Girls Scout Expo.

The CSM Talons and Robotics Clubs promote the study of STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) including robot design and programming, competing at several VEX competitions, and volunteering at the competitions that CSM hosts for elementary, middle and high school teams. CSM is also a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense. This program has been designated as a Center of Academic Excellence for two-year schools (CAE-2Y) by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

For information about CSM's cybersecurity program, visit <http://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/cyber-center>.

For information on the CSM Talons and Robotic Team, visit http://stem.csmd.edu/events_csmroboticsVEX.html.

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