

# In the Spotlight

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## Summer Science Institute Focuses on Science and Pharmacy

Deshante Mwenja of Dacula High School was among 23 area students who participated in this year's Dean Stuart Feldman Summer Science Institute (SSI) at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. The focus of the institute is pharmacy and science and includes lectures on pharmacy research, laboratory experiments in clinical skills, and discussions with science faculty.

These activities were particularly interesting for Mwenja whose father, Stephen Kamau, is a 2005 graduate of the college and a practicing hospital pharmacist at Rockdale Medical Center. His son is interested in retail pharmacy and plans to attend Georgia Gwinnett College in the fall. The science institute was a good experience for him, he said, due to the different speakers and information on what a career in pharmacy can offer.

The week-long program was established in 2010 for high school students with a strong aptitude in math and science. Dean Stuart Feldman is a major supporter of the program, along with Walgreens, Student National Pharmaceutical Association and Mr. ('70) and Mrs. William Robie.

*Left: Deshante Mwenja prepares a lip balm under the direction of skills lab professor Deborah Elder.*

*Right: Deshante Mwenja, left, and fellow SSI students measure chemicals for a skills lab experiment while Elder and Vivia Hill-Silcott, SSI director, look on.*

