College of Pharmacy Reaches Out to Elberton Teen Group on Life Goals

The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Group from Elbert County recently visited the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy to learn firsthand about compounding medications, just as pharmacy students do. Associate professors Deborah Elder and Tony Capomacchia instructed eight teenagers on making flavored chap stick during a field trip designed to educate them about different learning and career opportunities.

While in Athens, the teens also toured the College and the UGA campus, had lunch at Snelling Dining Hall, and received information on college admission. In addition they received application materials for the College’s week-long Dean Stuart Feldman Summer Science Institute.

The group is part of a community effort to reduce teen pregnancy in middle and high school students in Elbert County. The visit to the College was the first outreach event planned for the teens through the combined efforts of the Elberton community, Elbert County Pregnancy Prevention Task Force, Teen Matters and the Northeast Health District.

“As a result of this visit, other teens in Elberton have expressed interest in learning about pharmacy and other career options,” said Vivia Hill-Silcott, the College’s diversity coordinator, adding that similar outreach programs are planned for other teen groups in the area.