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WCATY-ETC Internship Program to be Unveiled Feb. 26

MADISON – The Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) and Middleton-headquartered ETC (Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc.) are working together on a pilot summer internship program, called InSite (Internships for Student in Talent Exploration).

Students, mentors, and community leaders will be gathering Monday, February 26, for a preview of InSite. The event will be held at ETC, 3031 Pleasant View Rd., Middleton, Wis., from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The preview will include a tour of the entertainment-lighting manufacturer's uniquely themed headquarters, information on the program, and an opportunity for students, community leaders and mentors to interact.

"WCATY is thrilled to have the support and cooperation of a progressive international business leader like ETC. Together, we see this as a beginning effort to launch more similar partnerships between industry and Wisconsin's top students," says Carole Trone, president, WCATY. "This is the kind of collaboration we need to keep Wisconsin's future competitive."

This highly selective program is designed for a small cohort of academically talented, socially mature high school students. Through the program, students will be paired with an ETC mentor for a paid eight-week summer internship in three areas: Energy Consumption – Recycling; Data Storage and Conversion – Moving Towards a Paperless Office; and Wireless Mobility Solutions – How to Apply New Technology.

In conjunction with the mentorship aspect, students will take part in a customized online curriculum that focuses on career exploration, research skills and industry-specific knowledge. Students also will take part in afternoon and weekend outings to places such as the Overture Center and American Players Theatre.

Enrolled through University of Wisconsin-Madison, students are eligible for one college credit. In addition, students may be eligible for credit through their local school districts.

If you are interested in more information or attending the Internship Preview on February 26, please contact Beth Gengle, Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth, at 608-271-1617 or beth.gengle@wcaty.org. For general information on ETC, visit their Web site at www.etconnect.com

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About WCATY:

The Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) is proud to offer many opportunities for talented students in Wisconsin. These include on-line programs during the school year, and accelerated courses through residential programs during the summer months. WCATY is an accredited organization through the [NCA-CATI](http://www.nca-cati.org). In addition, WCATY is affiliated with Northwestern

University's Center for Talent Development through which 4rd – 9th grade students who score in the 95th percentile and above on standardized tests can participate in Midwest Academic Talent Search (MATS). For more information on WCATY, visit www.wcaty.org