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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2008 SUMMER PROGRAMS

MADISON, February 26, 2008 – Although it's only frigid February the time is here to begin signing up for 2008 Summer Programs. Summer Programs offered by the Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) provide students of high academic ability challenging and rewarding opportunities. The programs are also designed for social involvement and interaction outside of class, with lots of fun activities planned. All programs are residential (though a commuter option is available for high school students) and let students experience college life while living on-campus throughout the program. Financial aid is available.

This year for the first time WCATY is offering four programs. They include:

Young Students Summer Program (YSSP), Beloit College; July 27-August 2; Grades 4-6, plus qualified third graders; 11 course offerings

Last year more than 130 students attended YSSP at Beloit College; the program returns there this year. YSSP classes are limited to 16 students per class and designed to enrich learning and introduce new disciplines. YSSP helps students expand their knowledge about the world and discover how much there is to learn. They will also know that there are others their age with similar interests and passion for learning.

Summer Transitional Enrichment Program (STEP), Edgewood College, Madison; July 13-26; Grades 7-8, plus qualified sixth graders; 12 course offerings

STEP is designed to prepare students to take on the challenges of more rigorous coursework, to position themselves for highly successful high school years, and to begin the college decision process. Accelerated enrichment courses promote self-discovery while challenging students to their intellectual best and to appreciate their abilities. Host school Edgewood College is near numerous cultural and recreational opportunities in the state capital.

Accelerated Learning Program (ALP), UW-Madison; June 22-July 12; Grades 9-12, plus qualified eighth graders; 12 course offerings. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Commuter option available

Students enrolled in ALP will experience advanced learning equivalent to a year-long high school course or semester college course. Focus is placed on adjusting the pace and level of instruction to meet students' needs. All ALP courses are eligible for high school or college credit (Contact WCATY or see our course catalog for details). Cultural and recreational opportunities are conveniently close with UW-Madison's downtown location and proximity to Lake Mendota.

College Acceleration Program (CAP), UW-La Crosse, July 13-August 2, Grades 10-12: Commuter option available

WCATY is proud to offer this new program for ambitious high school students. CAP provides academically talented students the unique opportunity to study advanced, rigorous curriculum AND earn fully-transferable college credit, while at the same time receiving the social and emotional support which are hallmarks of all WCATY programs. Courses offered are Software Design I, Fundamental Physics I and Earth Environments. All courses are worth four college credits upon successful completion.

Apply early and save: Get a head start on your plans with early action registration. Register by April 18 and get \$35 to \$90 off tuition depending on the program (except CAP). Regular deadline for registration is May 2. The deadline to apply for financial aid is also May 2. For more information, or to receive a catalog, contact WCATY at 608-271-1617, info@wcaty.org. Our catalog can also be downloaded from our website homepage at www.wcaty.org.

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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 and Saturday programs during the school year, and accelerated courses through residential programs during the summer months. WCATY is an accredited organization through the [NCA-CATI](#). In addition, WCATY is affiliated with the Midwest Academic Talent Search (MATS) for 3rd-9th graders run by Northwestern University's Center for Talent Development. For more information on WCATY, visit www.wcaty.org