

Ex-Cell Kaiser, Franklin Park Manufacturing Company, Supports STEM Fields

Ex-Cell Kaiser, a manufacturing company in Franklin Park, recognizes the importance of encouraging students to explore careers in engineering. To support this encouragement, the company has partnered with Triton College's GADgET (Girls Adventuring in Design, Engineering & Technology) summer camp to introduce young participants to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields and inspire interest in diverse career pathways.

"Janet Kaiser, the CEO and owner of Ex-Cell Kaiser, invites GADgET campers to tour our company," said Karla Quinto, Ex-Cell Kaiser's Human Resource Director. "She wants to introduce this generation of students to other academic options."

During the tour, campers attend a presentation from Ex-Cell Kaiser's engineering department, observe manufacturing equipment in action, and explore various departments within the company, gaining insights into the day-to-day duties.

"Students are getting more excited about other fields of work, such as computer programming," said Quinto. "This is giving them the opportunity to see all that they can achieve."

This partnership highlights careers in areas such as product improvement and engineering.

Beyond GADgET, Ex-Cell Kaiser also supports Triton students through internships. Last year, the company hosted a Triton intern who gained 60 hours of hands-on experience working with different types of materials and metals, further boosting his interest in engineering.

"The student spent time with each department," said Quinto. "He even did some work on the production floor."

Ex-Cell Kaiser is a manufacturing and design company located in Franklin Park, Illinois, focusing on high-quality recycling, hospitality and facility management products. The company is well versed in custom designs and cost-effective solutions for market-specific applications.

The GADgET camp began in 2010 by Triton Technology Instructor Antigone Sharris to spark middle school girls' interest in engineering. Since then, the camp has been featured in *The New York Times* and replicated in schools across the area, and is now open to both boys and girls.

"My goal is to get middle schoolers interested in STEM now. Then, they may want to carry this interest with them through college and hopefully on to a career," noted Sharris.

Learn more about GADgET and other Triton College STEM opportunities, click [here](#).