High School Introduction To Engineering Systems (HITES)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville Travis Griffin



MISSION STATEMENT

The High School Introduction to Engineering Systems (HITES) Program gives incoming eleventh and twelfth grade students who show an interest in engineering studies, an early exposure to and preparation for scientific study and research. The HITES program incorporates many initiatives that focus on hands-on learning, team-building, and college preparatory to assist in recruitment efforts in engineering.



HITES Structure

- Founded in 2001
- Summer residential experience
- 3 main components:
 - Academic instruction
 - **Engineering** discovery
 - **Campus** life experience



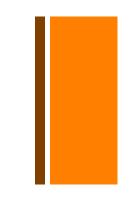
- Early exposure to and preparation for scientific study and engineering design
- Interaction with faculty, staff, and current students



Application Process

- Completed Application
- Two Letters of Recommendation
 - Math Teacher
 - Science Teacher
- Taken the ACT Math 25/SAT Math 570
- High School Transcript
 - ■B average or higher in math and science
- Essay Statement





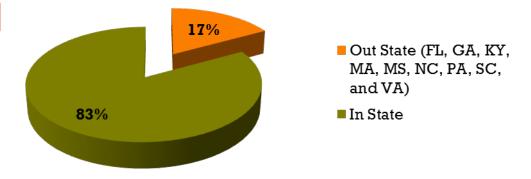
HITES 2014

Sponsored by

HITES Application Make-up

EASTMAN

- Program Make-up
 - Applicants: 103
 - Attended: 36

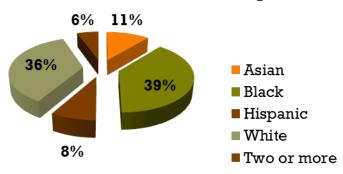


HITES Gender Make-up





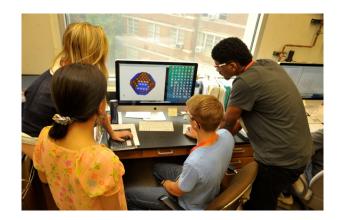
HITES Ethnic Make-up



What to Expect...

HITES 2014 Schedule

- **■Breakfast**
- **■**Engineering Design
- **■**Engineering Design Lab
- ■Lunch/Break
- **■**Engineering Discovery
- ACT Math Session
- **■** Dinner/Downtime
- **■Project Time**
- **■Lights Out**







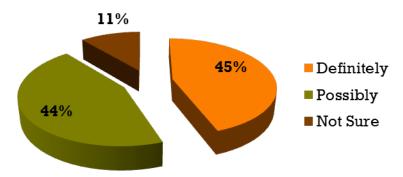
HITES 2014 Engineering Design

- Using Computers to Understand the Immune System
- Sustainable Fuel and Energy Sources of the Future
- Engineering Biology by Design
- Tissue Engineering of Heart Valves
- Surgical Robotics
- The World of Nanoparticles
- ■Bio-inspired Sensing
- Inferring Users' Life Behavior with Smartphone Sensing and Computing Technologies

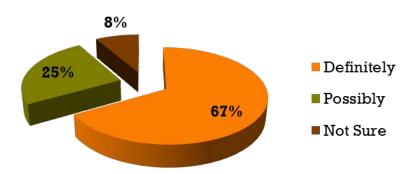


HITES 2014 Program Impact

HITES Pre-Survey: Planning to Major in Engineering



HITES Post-Survey: Planning to Major in Engineering

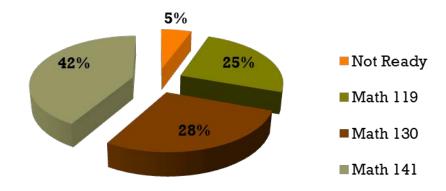


HITE\$ 2014 ACT Math Preparation

ACT Pre-Test Math Readiness

25% Not Ready Math 119 Math 130 Math 141

ACT Post-Test Math Readiness





HITES 2014 Assessment

Strengths

- Engineering In-Lab Design Experience
- Networking with Faculty/Graduate Students/Staff
- Company Tours
- Mentoring experience with undergraduate mentors
- Dining and Residential Hall Experience
- UT application increase

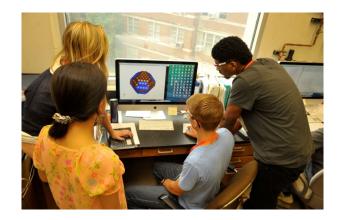
Areas of Improvement

- More time for Engineering Discovery
- More experience in computing (C, C++, Python, etc.)
- ACT Development
- Increase Campus Life experience
- Unique development sessions:Juniors and Seniors
- UT Scholarship Offering



HITES¹¹ 2015 Schedule

- **■Breakfast**
- **■**Computing 101
- **■** Computing Design
- ■Lunch/Break
- **■** Computing Design Lab
- **■** Computing Discovery
- **Dinner/Downtime**
- **■Project Time**
- **■Lights Out**

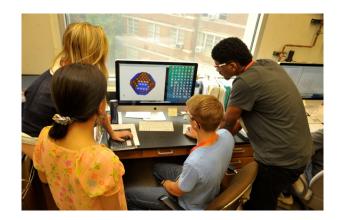






HITES¹² 2015 Schedule

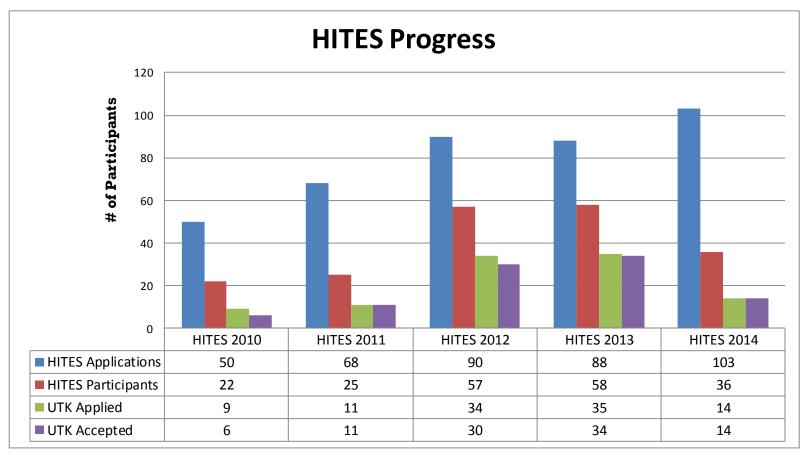
- **■Breakfast**
- **Engineering Design**
- **■**Engineering Design Lab
- ■Lunch/Break
- **■**Engineering Discovery
- **■**College Life 101
- **■** Dinner/Downtime
- **■Project Time**
- **■Lights Out**







University of Tennessee, Knoxville HITES Progress





Summer Enrichment Programs 2015

- Middle School Introduction to Engineering Systems (MITES)
 - MITES for 7th Graders: July 26-29, 2015 (Non-Residential)
 - MITES for 8th Graders: June 21-26, 2015 (Residential)
- Engineering Volunteers for Ninth Graders (eVOL9)
 - eVOL9: June 14-19, 2015 (Residential)
- Engineering Volunteers for Tenth Graders (eVOL10)
 - eVOL10: June 7-13, 2015 (Residential)
- High School Introduction to Engineering Systems (HITES)
 - HITES for 11th Graders: July 19-24, 2015 (Residential)
 - HITES for 12th Graders: July 12-17, 2015 (Residential)

