

## WHEN YOUR STUDENT LIKES SCIENCE, REACH FOR THE STARS CHALLENGE

Has your son ever wondered if different headphones provide distinctly better sound quality on his iPod? Or does your daughter doubt the effectiveness of her waterproof mascara?

These, and other questions, can be explored this fall in the Stars Challenge program - a fun and innovative science enrichment program founded by retired scientists Drs. Stephen and Margaret Ann Chappell in 2005. Through imaginative courses and creative teaching techniques, students are given the opportunity to learn that science, by nature, is fun and not just another class in their daily curriculum.

A 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, the Stars Challenge program is designed to show top students in grades 6 through 9 how science impacts their everyday lives, their futures, and indeed the future of our world. The Stars Challenge provides the opportunity to expand their interest in science without the fears of testing and homework.

"The Stars Challenge program takes science out of the classroom and brings it to life," said Steve Chappell. "In showcasing the imaginative and creative side of science, we are tapping into students' natural curiosity in a less rigid and more innovative way."

Hosted weekly at Monmouth University, The Stars Challenge courses are taught by first-rate teachers who are award winners in their fields. The classes are fast-paced, hands-on explorations of topics of interest to today's students. The teachers encourage their students to question, explore, and experiment as they look at how science touches their lives.

Margaret Ann Chappell describes the middle school years as a critical time in a student's decision making. "We want to re-claim and maintain America's competitive edge in innovation," she said. "Innovation is all about being creative in solving problems, working together in small teams, and generating new ideas."

### About The Stars Challenge

The Stars Challenge is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that was founded by Margaret Ann and Stephen G. Chappell in 2005. The first class was held at Monmouth University in winter 2006. Their goal is to get more top students - students who can become innovators - involved in science and technology and ultimately to maintain America's historical lead in technology and innovation. The Stars Challenge offers needs-based scholarships. For more information, visit our web site at [www.StarsChallenge.org](http://www.StarsChallenge.org), or call Margaret Ann Chappell at (732) 530-1061.



A 7th grade student attempts to extract DNA from a strawberry during the Introduction to Experimental Design class.



A 7th grade student successfully extracts DNA from a strawberry during the Introduction to Experimental Design class.



A 7th grade student experiments with amplification during the Introduction to Experimental Design class.

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