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ROCK HILL, S.C. - During its Oct. 23 workshop on campus, the S.C. Junior Academy of Science will use science to understand human behavior.

This is the first time the academy has offered S.C. middle and high school students a chance to learn about behavioral versus hard science, said organizer Merry Sleigh, associate professor of psychology. About 90 students and teachers will attend the 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. event.

The student sessions involve the psychology of love and relationships, positive psychology, unspoken rules of Facebook, criminology through the media's lens, sexting, personality tests, understanding attitudes and opinions, as well as the application process and college life. The high school teachers will be given a chance to attend three sessions on classroom management, motivation and student learning.

Students may participate in two challenge bowls, one focused on psychology and one on the hard sciences, with prizes.

Winthrop faculty members who will be giving presentations that day are: Gary Alderman, Cheryl Fortner-Wood, Tracy Griggs, Matt Hayes, Scott Huffman, Carol Marchel, Donna Nelson, Darren Ritzer, Brad Tripp, Jeannie Weil and Brad Witzel.

In addition, Winthrop ambassadors will give campus tours, and psychology students will be doing presentations.

For more information about the workshop and organization, go to the S.C. Junior Academy of Science website or contact Tom Reeves at reevest@midlandstech.edu or 803/822-3554.