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New Wilmington High School Welcomes WPI Laboratory Speakers

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As a part of an effort to introduce high school students to careers in the science field, New Wilmington High School teacher, Connie White asked WPI Laboratory employees to speak to her science classes. Josh Kelly and Jennifer Barborak each gave a 45 minute presentation to separate science classes, speaking about WPI careers and water quality data collection procedures. "I especially wanted to focus on the fact that the environmental science field is not just for men," explained Mrs. Barborak, "and that you don't need to move away from the area to get a job in this field." Mrs. Barborak and Mr. Kelly took taxonomic keys and some preserved macroinvertebrates as well as field sampling equipment and a power point presentation to the classrooms. "Many of the students seemed interested, especially in the insects," said Mr. Kelly. "They could not believe how big the taxonomic keys are."