2024 Recap

# CAMPBIO 6

#### About CampBioE 2.0

In 2007, Pitt Bioengineering initiated **CampBioE**, an engaging summer camp for middle and high school scholars that explored bioengineering and regenerative medicine. This program immersed young minds in the wonders of science and bioengineering. CampBioE 2.0, initiated in 2024 under the leadership of Dr. Katrina Knight, expands CampBioE to also include elementary school scholars, with continued focus on inspiring the next generation of scientific and medical professionals and fostering lasting engagement in STEM+ (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine).

#### **Curriculum Focus**

In 2024, our CampBioE 2.0 scholars built neural cortical prosthetics and motor-powered cars, powered LED lights with electricity and lemons, and learned about the immune system, DNA fingerprinting, gel electrophoresis, bone biomechanics, forensic science, and more.





48% underrepresented minorities (URM) in STEM+



at the Homewood Community Engagement Center (CEC), University of Pittsburgh

### LEADERSHIP

Katrina Knight, PhD, Director Steve Abramowitch, PhD, Strategic Officer Kristen Gallik, Events Manager

weeks

of camp

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This camp really built my son's confidence. It was well run, he was challenged but not overwhelmed, and the friendly competition between the groups kept him engaged. He's excited to investigate some of these STEM<sup>+</sup> topics in more detail in school this year! – Parent Testimonial 🕻



## LOOKING AHEAD...

CampBioE 2.0 is collaborating with the Vascular Medicine Institute's VESSELS program, led by Dr. Daniel Shiwarski, to incorporate 3D bioprinting design into our 2025 curriculum!