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Last year, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville hosted an agreement with the University of Havana to develop exchange programs to prepare students for careers in the sciences at universities in both countries. Mayra Heydrich, a professor of biology and biochemistry at Havana University, visited SIUE this month as part of this agreement.


**GEMS**

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The 2014 GEMS conference in Kansas City kicked off on April 18, 2013, with a keynote speech by Dr. Theresa Caperton, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), who shared her vision of the future of science and her enthusiasm for providing opportunities for women and underrepresented minorities.

**Contests for the intelligencer**

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**Liberty Middle School seventh grade Shelay White to use a stethoscope.**

**Bald**

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The bald eagle is the bird that is most often associated with the United States. It is also the national bird and a symbol of freedom.

**Village**

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In other business, the board approved pay rate increases for the 2013-2014 school year, setting the new pay rate at $30,000 per year.