SHAPING FUTURE STEM LEADERS

witholic Academy of Bridgeport - St. Augustine Academy



Front Amount \$14,610 Protect Cost \$14,610 43 Students Impacted
Grade 8

<u>PURPOSE:</u> To introduce STEM education to 8th grade students. This Milestone C program offers students hands-on experience in engineering and aviation.

IMPACT: Students were given a chance to experience working with robotics, doing scientific research and 3D modeling in a more interactive classroom. Students worked collaboratively to design hands-on engineering projects. They were taught to build and program a Hexapod robot and learned about 3D modeling. Students conducted a Lunar project, which involved redesigning their Hexapod and adding a collection module to collect samples on the moon. Students were able to apply mathematical concepts to their lessons and developed skills in communication and critical thinking that helped them solve problems. The students were completely engaged in each lesson and eagerly awaited a new lesson. This grant helped build students' confidence and motivated them to consider a career in the engineering field.

<u>FUTURE PLANS:</u> We would like to expand this program to include the 7th graders. We will be looking into using Title 1 funds and researching other organizations that fund STEM programs in school.



