Learning Blade®

Building the pipeline of STEM graduates for the future to provide greater economic opportunity to all!

The STEM IMPACT PROGRAM is:

Student Ready Materials + Professional Development + Network + Communication Strategy

Learning Blade[®] has a unique methodology designed to increase student awareness of STEM by integrating STEM into many classrooms, not just the science lab. Students pursue engaging missions and lessons that solve a problem, such as helping an injured dolphin, building an orphanage after a major earthquake, or solving energy and transportation needs in a new city. The system includes an expanding library of activities that totals up to 150 hours of curricula. Every mission and lesson combines the following:

- STEM

- Common Core/Academics

The STEM IMPACT Program is a one-of-a-kind program designed to increase awareness of middle school students of STEM technologies and careers.

- Increase self-efficacy of students in STEM fields
- Provide a STEM program that reaches all students, even in rural areas.
- Create an inter-disciplinary STEM teaching practice that engages multiple teachers at appropriate grade levels
- Increase percentage of under-represented populations that express an interest in STEM careers, particularly girls and minorities
- Provide a basis that, combined with traditional instruction, improves student performance on Common Core and with NGSS

Truly a one-of-a-kind program!

94% of eighth graders make course-taking decisions related to preparing themselves for postsecondary education or a career. UMass.

Partners for execution of the program include national leaders:

BattelleEd to provide evaluation and validation

STEMconnector to provide communication



Student Materials

For additional information on how your organization can fund or participate in the STEM IMPACT PROGRAM please contact: <u>sheila@thinkingmedia.com</u> or call 423-521-2309

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