



Dear Potential Sponsor,

I was recently named the Director of Pike Liberal Arts School's STEM Lab, our latest endeavor in providing quality, creative and practical education. I am reaching out in interest in being a 2022-2023 PLAS STEM Lab Sponsor.

The PLAS STEM Lab will introduce and engage approx 180 students in Grades 1-6 in a nontraditional academic environment that fosters learning, leadership and success regardless of the students preferred subject or future aspirations.

STEM education is the practice of using SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING and MATHEMATICS to challenge students to think critically by problem-solving, analyzing, evaluating and looking for more than one approach to find the solution. The STEM Lab allows a hands-on environment that is relevant to classroom instruction while challenging our students to stretch their minds and hands beyond the textbook in creative, interactive and innovative ways.

Research shows that STEM students develop 21st century skills that prepare them for a variety of careers and industries.

I am reaching out to ask for your consider a PLAS STEM lab sponsorship as more than a donation, but as an investment into our community's, and perhaps you company's future workforce. Please see the attached form for various levels.

Did You Know:

-STEM jobs are the future of our economy - employment in STEM related fields are projected for significant growth in the next five years with solid, above average wages.

-STEM teacher critical thinking and innovation- all students, regardless of career aspirations, will reap the benefits of developing logical process and problem-solving thinking.

-STEM environment develops teamwork- collaboration, communication and navigating interpersonal skills are an important component to team activities.

-STEM coursework helps develop project management skills- in the process of hands-on projects, students learn to manage time and organize large projects into smaller steps

-STEM skills develop technology habits- the use and understanding of developing technology is an increasingly vital tool for students' future success

I am asking for funding that will equip our lab and students with tools, supplies and equipment to make STEM education possible for every PLAS elementary student. With your generosity, we can set a new standard for our school, prepare students for success and impact our local community for generations to come.

With my sincerest appreciation for your consideration,

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