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Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James

“Nurturing greater interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers focused on space will ensure future airmen have a sustained zeal and curiosity for the field,” James said. “The Air Force and the Air Force Association partnered with industry to develop a program, Stellar Explorers, a STEM-themed group encouraging friendly competition in innovation and this year, coincided with the Space Symposium in Colorado,” she noted. “I’m hopeful ... that programs like Stellar Explorers will inspire our youth and put them on a path toward careers involving space that is enriching, rewarding and fun. ... Let’s face it -- space is fun,” James said.

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Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command, Major General David “DT” Thompson

“Events like StellarXplorers demonstrate how exciting and rewarding science, technology, engineering, and mathematics can be. I know these young men and women will discover space is a place for innovation, education, and research, and will seriously consider exploring its potential in future Air Force careers. We welcome their ingenuity and creativity.”

Chairperson of AFA’s of a StellarXplorer Proof of Concept, Bill Yucuis:

The success of StellarXplorers can be confirmed by the excitement of the students and coaches ... and the fact that every coach said they wanted to participate in the future,”

Team Directors (teachers) of StellarXplorers Proof of Concept teams:

Today’s scenario was awesome – good in length and technical level.

The size of the group was good – we are honored to be a part of it – Thanks!

This is great and look forward to seeing this program expand. This exposes the students to the different careers as well gives them more opportunities to compete/socialize with other students across the country. Students know how & why our educational curriculum ties in the real world. Hands on practical application STEM based.

