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OUTREACH PROGRAM



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I am in 9th grade and I am interested in studying Medicine.

WORDS OF ADVICE

Students who are considering enrolling in an AEOP program should explore as many different programs as possible, because AEOP has something for everyone. I would also encourage students to begin their AEOP experience at as young an age as possible to build their excitement for STEM and AEOP.

BEST THINGS ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The best thing about eCybermission was the National Judging and Educational Event (NJ&EE). Working with Non-commissioned Officers (NCOs) and mentors was an amazing experience, especially the introduction to DoD research that is being conducted in US Army Labs. US Army Lab Day was very exciting. The hands-on activities in the labs gave me an idea of the advancements that DoD researchers make in ballistics, combat feeding, vehicle acceptance testing, cybersecurity, and military rations. I learned about the immense impact that cutting-edge DoD research and scientific contributions made by DoD have on the scientific and technological advancement of our nation.

HOW PARTICIPATING IN AEOP INSPIRED YOU TO ADUANCE IN STEM

My participation in AEOP has inspired me to explore career options in STEM fields that I never thought I would have interest in. Following my participation, I was encouraged to sign up for challenging AP courses in STEM. Furthermore, winning the Stem-In Action Grant enabled me to take my eCybermission project to another level and work with STEM professionals to implement it into my community.

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE HOPES AND DREAMS?

In my future, I dream of making a difference in the lives of others through STEM and Medicine and inspiring others to do the same.

Each month AEOP features some of our program participants. Read what these current and future STEM leaders have learned and what they are up to now. If you're an AEOP alumni (student and mentors) and want to tell your story visit us here: **www.usaeop.com/about/tell-us-your-story**