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## **More Than 1200 People Attended the Student Excellence Foundation's Second Annual STEM Expo**

More than 1,200 students and parents, some from as far as Schaumburg, attended the second STEM Expo presented by the Student Excellence Foundation of Wheaton-Warrenville District 200 on November 4 at Hubble Middle School.

Elementary and middle school students were able to observe STEM (science, math, engineering, and technology) demonstrations and engage with hands-on activities guided by 45 scientists, technology professionals, teachers, college and high school students, and other exhibitors. STEM is characterized by its interdisciplinary approach and hands-on, real-world learning.

The expo raised more than \$5,500 during the event through sponsorships and individual donations. The proceeds will further the Foundation's goal of enriching education in Wheaton-Warrenville District 200.

"STEM subjects are critical components of a person's education. We need students strong in STEM so that our country will continue to lead and drive innovation in the future. The Expo is a fun, engaging way to show kids and their families these concepts in action," said Julie Garnache, the Foundation volunteer who organized the exhibits.

The event was made possible through sponsors BrightStar Care, Weber Orthodontics, and DuPage Credit Union. The Foundation recognizes Julie Garnache, Tria Akines of Hubble Middle School, and all the Foundation volunteers for their help with the event as well as Eli's Cheesecake and I Have a Bean for in-kind services.

### **FALL STEM EXPO Photo 1 - Suggested Cutline**

Students watch a robot throw a ball. During the Second Annual STEM Expo, 45 exhibitors demonstrated science, math, and technology in action to more than 1,200 attendees. Organized by the Student Excellence Foundation of Wheaton-Warrenville District 200, the expo took place on November 4 at Hubble Middle School.

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**FALL STEM EXPO Photo 2 - Suggested Cutline**

Wheaton College, demonstration during the Second Annual STEM Expo presented by the Student Education Foundation of Wheaton-Warrenville District 200. More than 1,200 people attended the event organized by the Student Excellence Foundation of Wheaton-Warrenville District 200.

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**FALL STEM EXPO Electron Photo 3 - Suggested Cutline**

Children touch a Plasma ball to see electrode movement during the Second Annual STEM Expo. Presented by the Student Excellence Foundation of Wheaton-Warrenville District 200 on November 4, the expo featured 45 exhibitors and drew more than 1,200 attendees.

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