

THE SYMPOSIUM EXPERIENCE: REAL IMPACT, REAL SUCCESS



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Live Oak High School (Livingston Parish Public Schools) Watson, Louisiana The 2024 AOPA Foundation High School Aviation STEM Symposium greatly benefited both me personally and my high school aviation program. I was able to network and meet many other people from across the country who are doing/teaching the same thing.

I gained first-hand knowledge from other teachers with established programs about what works, what does not, and ways we can improve. The breakout sessions were invaluable, allowing me to learn about resources that I did not know existed. In fact, as a direct result of attending, my district has now partnered with Rocket Drones to bring their classroom drones into our sUAS program!

I was also able to connect with Redbird Flight Simulators about ways to improve our General Aviation program using the Redbird simulators we already own. The direct result of these connections has been, and will continue to be, reflected in our students' level of engagement.

The continued growth and success of our brand new aviation program is without a doubt owed in part to the AOPA Foundation High School Aviation STEM Symposium.