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MOSI returns to Polk county schools with grant-funded robotics programs for a second year.

Tampa, Florida – It's full STEAM ahead for MOSI's robotics instructors as they introduce low income students in Polk County to future technologies that are right at their fingertips.

For the second year in a row, MOSI instructors will bring a life-changing, hands-on experience in STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, to Polk County elementary students. It's important exposure that leads to the pursuit of the fastest, growing technology and innovation careers of the future. Students learn the technology and engineering behind the robots and program them to solve challenges right in their own classrooms.

The Museum of Science and Industry's Robot Round up outreach programs are returning to some of the same schools as last year, while other schools are new to the list, like Combee Academy in Lakeland. Combee focuses on STEAM, with special attention to coding and robotics.

"We are about halfway through and have engaged close to 700 students in programming, robotics, and coding. The kids are having a blast programming their robots to mimic driverless cars while the teachers love seeing their students learn new concepts, work together, and have fun!" said Urmila Wadnerkar, MOSI Manager of Group and Outreach programs, and one of the robotics instructors.

Robot Round-up is funded through the George W. Jenkins Fund within the Givewell Community Foundation's Impact Polk annual grant program. This year, funding from the Rooms to Go Foundation allowed MOSI to bring this hands-on program to 16 low income schools in Lakeland, Winter Haven, Davenport, Fort Meade, Lake Alfred, Poinciana and Auburndale.

The MOSI in Motion Mobile Science Lab brings hands-on STEAM experiences to schools all over the state of Florida. To find out how to bring a MOSI educator to your school, visit mosi.org.

For more than 35 years, The Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI) has been offering programs to all in the Tampa Bay community that focus on a variety of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.