

AOP 2021 Associate Director's Report

While operating under unprecedented conditions, due to the worldwide pandemic, most organizations were physically closed initially and moved to on-line operations, prior to hybrid operations and then to tentative soft and hard openings.

Seven of the previous awards from 2019-2020 were granted budget extensions, due to Covid restrictions and subsequently completed by May 28, 2021.

In 2020-2021, six awards and the Conference Award to MSOE were made with four representing Formal Education and two representing Informal Education.

A total disbursement of \$33,500 with \$102,219 of matching funds.

Awardees were four formal education programs, BioPharmaceutical Technology Center, Central High School Stem Aviation, AIAA-Wisconsin (Advanced Rocket Science for Future Female Engineers) and Embedded Teacher Program. Two informal education programs were funded; Deke Slayton Museum Summer Camps and Crossroads at Big Creek (Light Years at a Social Distance).

Programs had significant geographical reach across Wisconsin from Sturgeon Bay to Sparta to Madison and Milwaukee.

Teacher trainings, camps, astronomical observations, aviation and outreach targeted to young women were the primary goals of these formal and informal educational outreach program.

Respectfully Submitted,

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