

# S.T.E.A.M. for Social Justice: Using Inquiry Skills to Create Changes in Your World



During the last week of May, Florida Atlantic University's Student Affairs office, the Department of Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry, and Dillard Elementary School partnered to bring fifty 5th grade students to FAU for an experiential field trip. The week was called: S.T.E.A.M. for Social Justice: Using Inquiry Skills to Create Changes in Your World. FAU Professors, Dr. Traci P. Baxley and Dr. Dilys Schoorman along with Dr. Kalisha Waldon and doctoral students Allyson Hall, Iris Minor, and Ramonia Rochester worked with Karen McDaniels, Director for Strategic Planning and Academic Initiatives, to implement a curriculum that integrated Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) content with tenets of equity and social justice pedagogy.

Students enjoyed a four day, three night stay in one of FAU's premiere dormitories and were challenged to become socially conscious entrepreneurs of a business focused on developing a service or product that would help to mitigate the effects of Hunger and Abuse in their own community. The focal issues, Hunger and Abuse, came directly from the students' brainstorming session, which was facilitated at Dillard Elementary by members of the curriculum development team prior to the on campus fieldtrip.

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