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## Lancaster County STEM Alliance Doles Out \$100K for Programs

A Pennsylvania STEM advocacy group gave three grants to an area school district and two businesses, to build out a robotics lab at Millersville University and other local job-shadowing and industry-education programs.

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(TNS) — The Lancaster County STEM Alliance awarded \$100,000 in grants for the 2023-24 school year to create new educational programs.

Precision Cobotics, CNH Industrial and Eastern Lancaster County School District will benefit from a \$50,000 and two \$25,000 Idea Incubator Funding grants, respectively, according to a news release. The businesses and school district were selected out of 15 applications submitted during the STEM Alliance's annual Workforce 2023 Summit in August.

Precision Cobotics was awarded its \$50,000 grant for a robotics lab at Millersville University that will allow high school students whose age would normally prohibit them from working on industry equipment to obtain real-world experience in manufacturing. Serving as a bridge between high school and college programs, the lab will pair high school students with upper-level engineering MU students for a paid work experience in robot technology and the manufacturing industry.

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