



## STARBASE Louisiana Feedback

### ***From Student Academy Graduates:***

"I had no idea that the things they taught at Starbase, I would use at other places and times in life!"	<i>Marie</i>
"STARBASE allowed us to get the knowledge we need to know for when we get old enough to get a job."	<i>Jakazia</i>
"I never thought science could be so much fun!"	<i>Michael</i>
"Thank you for making me smarter than ever!"	<i>Crystal</i>
"Learning is fun at STARBASE and I was happy to go to school."	<i>Seth</i>
"It was one of the best experiences I've ever had. I learned a lot about STEM."	<i>Jeff</i>
"STARBASE is the science experience of a lifetime."	<i>Courtney</i>
"I like it because it is real hands-on. Other places you just watch!!"	<i>Kendall</i>
"It was really fun and now I have a head start on grades to come."	<i>Sommer</i>
"It was the best Math and Science thing I ever did."	<i>Grace</i>
"I just wanted ya'll to know that was the best experience I would ever have in my life."	<i>Chase</i>
"I liked it because I felt like an engineer."	<i>Elizabeth</i>
"It was really fun. Some of the stuff I learned was stuff my parents didn't know."	<i>Zack</i>
"I like that it made my grade in science go up a little and I learned things that I didn't know."	<i>Madison</i>
"You want us to be the best we can be when we grow up!"	<i>Dave'yonne</i>

### ***From Principals, School Administrators, and Participating Teachers:***

"It was a privilege and a pleasure to participate in the STARBASE Louisiana program this past spring . . . The STARBASE Louisiana program provides outstanding opportunities for pre-service teachers to see best teaching practices in action! They see content integration, classroom management, demonstrations, hands-on activities, teaching to a variety of learning styles, analogies, use of materials, higher-order thinking by students, positive classroom atmosphere, uncovering and correcting of misconceptions, content-related classroom decorations and bulletins boards, technology integration, both written and oral instructions, immediate and positive feedback, all working really well with real students. STARBASE brings all the college classroom activities and lectures to life!"

**Dr. L. Easley, Director of Field Experiences – College of Education, Louisiana State University, Shreveport.**

"STARBASE provided our students with critical thinking and problem solving activities applicable to the real world. Parents said their kids came home and taught them what they learned! STARBASE is one of the most outstanding programs I have been involved with during my 23 years as an educator!"

**S. Poole, Principal, Curtis Elementary**

"Our partnership with Starbase has been a very positive factor in encouraging our students to engage in the process of science. We are developing a culture in our school that encourages science exploration and excitement at all grades levels and with both boys and girls. In 2005, our standardized test scores in science for grades 1-8 was at the 55 percentile. Our 2011 science national percentile (after attending STARBASE) was 78.1."

**J. Cazes, St. John Berchmans Catholic School**

"The challenging curriculum requires students to "think outside the box."

**N. Anderson, Principal, Benton Elementary School**

"The STARBASE experience helps our students' self esteem. They become connected to a very valid organization (the Armed Forces); you can see them begin to change over the weeks as they mature. The experience broadens their knowledge base of possible career options. In a small rural community many of the children follow in the footsteps of their parents into mediocre jobs just to make ends meet. STARBASE opens up many possibilities and plants dream seeds of something better than the status quo."

**D. Kurkiewicz, Principal, Mooringsport Elementary School**

"My children have become very vocal about the connection between science and math and real life. They now realize how they can apply what they've learned. The hands-on activities are wonderful! They allow the children to become immersed in the concept that is being taught."

**A. Avery, Shreve Island Elementary**

"During the end-of-the-year writing activity, I asked the students to write about the most beneficial things they had learned this year. EVERY student wrote about their experience at STARBASE! I truly believe our students are taking from this awesome experience a wealth of knowledge and an enormous amount of great experiences in science and math."

**P. Asseff, Apollo Elementary**

"My students LOVE STARBASE!! They cannot wait to get here. They are actively involved in learning skills - - so retention is long term. The student-centered curriculum gets kids excited & involved and that carries over to school. The (computer) lab helps introduce kids to the technological world we live in and challenges those who use a computer with each. Most of all, I think STARBASE reminds kids that learning can be FUN!"

**C. Mitchell, Princeton Elementary**

"I know from talking to a sixth-grade teacher that STARBASE, and what they learned there, is used and built upon in that grade. She said that it was easier to teach science and they have more background knowledge – she can go farther."

**S. Neu, Benton Elementary**

"STARBASE helped to explain difficult concepts. It motivated my students to think about their futures. The students respond so well to positive energetic teachers applying science through a hands-on activity. I love the well-planned lessons and the diversity."

**W. Jordan, Stockwell Place Elementary**

"The problem solving aspects in all of the activities definitely benefitted the students. The students of Central Park do not have many opportunities to experience anything beyond their own neighborhoods. This has given them a way to look towards the future and possibilities ahead. The instructors and facilities are absolutely wonderful."

**H. Starks, Central Park Elementary**

"Students were exposed to technology that engaged them and inspired their curiosity during experiments and in the computer lab. Students, high achieving and low achieving, were appropriately challenged to use critical thinking skills, and all experienced success. It's very exciting to watch the students become so engrossed in scientific and mathematic work."

**T Reed, Shreve Island Elementary**

"I could see the purpose for every project, small or large. The STARBASE program really helps students and teachers make connections across the curriculum. Students are taught skills at school, but don't always understand completely. Participating in hands-on activities really brings everything together. I truly feel that my students will retain what they have learned for a long time. I love this program!"

**A. Reed, Kerr Elementary**

### ***From the Parents:***

"The instructors make the whole learning aspects of math and science fun and productive. She couldn't wait to tell me about it when she came home."

"The best thing about STARBASE was actually experiencing the Base and Military personnel. The "real world" approach really ignited his interest in science . . . he has really shown interest in learning. . . "

"The students are exposed to activities that are more exciting because they are presented differently from the classroom. In our case, it helped her to see science differently."

"My son saw how much math is used to figure out many things, so he realizes how important it is to understand and do well in math and science. He is now trying harder in school! You take really fun stuff and show the kids information about them using math and science but making it totally fun and hands on! It wasn't a bunch of lectures – it was super fun for them!"

"Being at Barksdale "on location" and exposed to the technology and experiments taught by the talented and fun staff made for a great week."

"The most beneficial aspect was how it showed the students how science is related to real life."

"This was an excellent program for inner-city youth. My son is inspired!"