

USSOCOM High School Leadership STEM Conference

17-21 July 2023

SOFWERX hosted and supported the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), first ever High School Leadership STEM Conference. High school students from Special Operation Forces (SOF) families were able to connect with various organizations within the industry of science, technology, math, engineering, and media. SOFWERX hosted the conference introduction, as well as an expo/industry day. SOFWERX staff helped students learn how to build their own functional robot, then hosted the graduation and endof-conference celebration.

Event Outcomes

- During the expo/industry day, SOFWERX hosted seven (7) organizations from around the state including:
 - 1) Bits4Bots
 - 2) XP Crunch Media
 - 3) MTRC (Skybridge Tactical)
 - 4) AMRoC Fab Lab
 - 5) Entrepreneur Collaborative Center
 - 6) Division of Academic Services Hillsborough
 - County Public Schools
 - 7) University of South Florida Interns
- SOFWERX staff taught the high school students how to engage with SOFWERX and the surrounding community. Once the expo/industry day was complete, SOFWERX staff taught each student how to build their own functional robot and they each gained a clearer