



FIRST Equity & Inclusion Financing Initiative for
FIRST in Upper Midwest
(FEI FI FO FUM GRANT)

GRANT REPORT

Team 2823

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The goal of our project was to increase recruitment of young women to join our team by hosting recruitment sessions with diverse clubs within our school.

A short presentation about FIRST and our team was presented. Funds were used to purchase food (pizza) and supplies for hands-on building activity, 'Defying Gravity', which involved keeping Balloon's elevated using popsicle sticks, zip ties, and yarn. Unused funds due to lack of interest by other clubs were returned via check.

This project allowed us to increase our team's involvement, and visibility, within the school. Unfortunately we were only able to coordinate a meeting with a single club., However, the experience gained in contacting other clubs and preparing and presenting about FIRST and our team is valuable in its own right, even if we didn't add any students directly from it this season. The group we did meet with, the Gender Sexuality Alliance, provided positive feedback both from the students involved as well as the teacher that assists their group.

Moving forward we may continue to try to meet with the GSA annually as we've built connections with the group over the past two seasons. We also will look for new ways to expand our recruitment efforts.

