

Artificial Intelligence, Genuine Innovation, and Impassioned Instruction at David E. Williams Middle School

There exists nothing artificial about the tremendous opportunities emanating from David E. Williams Middle School. This fall, DEW will proudly house the nation's first public school program in the interdisciplinary marvel of Artificial Intelligence (AI). From autonomous robotics to constructive debates around ethical dilemmas accompanying technological advancement, Montour students will actively and creatively engage with a field foreign to most of America's youth.

Industry leaders from Carnegie Mellon University graciously offered their time, talents, and insights as our students embark on the collaborative venture of technical exploration and innovation. Additionally, students will be exposed to cutting edge software designed to promote analytical thinking and data literacy.

Dr. Justin Aglio, Director of Academic Achievement and District Innovation, cited his immense appreciation to all those involved in cultivating such an impactful program, stating, "We're constantly endeavoring to challenge our students beyond the traditional mediums of standardized assessments and tedious worksheets. To truly achieve our mission of creating lifelong learners and impassioned community leaders, it is imperative for our administrators, faculty, and staff to fundamentally engage with what defines a truly complete educational experience."

The initiative has garnered national attention, receiving notoriety from outlets such as Education Week and Getting Smart as well as local staples, The Pittsburgh Post Gazette and The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

A grand unveiling of this tremendous program is scheduled for the fall. We are hopeful you can attend and see firsthand the source of our excitement. Visit www.montourschools.com or follow us on twitter @MontourSD for more information.