

## Testimonials for Jeff Dudukovich, M.Ed. and STEM PROS

“Jeff Dudukovich's STEM course for teachers is applicable to the novice science teacher wanting to expand knowledge and add hands-on learning to their instruction and to the advanced teacher willing to take on more challenging investigations and dig deep into STEM. This PD is highly engaging and prepares you for what to expect as a student and teacher when you implement what you learned by working through the STEM process yourself on a variety of topics. You will walk away with a treasure trove of ideas and tools to use in your classroom. Activities are appropriate for most grade levels and can be easily adapted to fit your needs. All activities directly support our standards for mastery and will clear misconceptions.

“I highly recommend Jeff's STEM PD course because it is not your average class. Almost every moment is a hands-on journey through scientific concepts. I walked away with a wide variety of activities, investigations, demonstrations, and experiments across multiple topics to strengthen students' understanding and clarify misconceptions. When my teammates saw the resources and opportunities I brought back, they also incorporated them into their lessons. Students were engaged and created lifelong memories about science and experienced the design and engineering process.

“For STEM Nights/Coaching: Having organized science nights (both personally and hiring outside vendors), in-school field trips set up as science stations, as well as grade-level rotation days reviewing science concepts, I can say that the lessons and activities Jeff Dudukovich offers are right on target with standards and depth. He has a solid and thorough understanding of lessons to support your students and lead them to mastery of Florida state science standards. Most importantly, students will be excited and engaged in the learning process, while teachers can receive further support to extend the concepts within the classroom.”

***Beth V.  
Elementary Gifted Teacher  
Volusia County Schools***

“I have attended 2 workshops and more than a handful of Jeff's seminars, and I have come away with new information and inspiration each time. STEM used to seem unattainable without special technology or training, but Jeff's training opened my eyes and classroom to a whole new way of exploring STEM. With his guidance I was able to implement my school's first ever STEM night, and it was a huge success!

“STEM in my classroom shifted from independent, stand-alone lessons to being woven throughout each lesson. I learned how to redesign my lesson plans in a way that captures the students' attention before introducing new and potentially confusing concepts. My favorite part of the workshops is the vast number of new tools and gadgets I came away with in my teaching tool box. Jeff has created the most unique hands-on experience I have ever encountered in my professional career, and I highly recommend his professional development courses to anyone looking to expand their STEM knowledge.”

***Courtney Payne  
Science and Technology Teacher  
Liberty Christian Preparatory School***

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“I absolutely loved everything about STEM night and appreciate all you did to make it successful. I think the PD you did was beneficial. I loved that you not only prepped us to run our stations but also taught us a few things as well. All kids would learn science if they were taught the way that we did the STEM lessons you provided. I think the information you provided was self-explanatory. I love how excited you are about science- it was contagious.”

***Tiffany M.  
Behavior Specialist  
Orange County Public Schools***

“I am a USMC veteran and a former mechanical engineer at Toyota Manufacturing. Currently, I am in my third year of teaching math at Living Faith Academy in Daytona Beach. This was my second year attending Mr. Dudukovich's S.T.E.M. course at the Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS) Conference. I have to say, Mr. Dudukovich's course was the best S.T.E.M. course available. He made the information fun, relatable, and memorable for all ages and educational backgrounds. Mr. Dudukovich's course is informative, educational, and enlightening. He has made a remarkable impact on the way I understand science.

“I highly recommend the ‘S.T.E.M. Train-the-Trainer’ Professional Development Course. As a professional educator, I know that learning and personal development are ongoing processes. Our mission is to be the best educators possible for our students. Mr. Dudukovich's course provided us with the necessary tools to inspire creativity in young minds. It's not just about thinking like a scientist but more about unlocking the natural human curiosity about the world we live in. By asking questions like *How?* and *Why?*, Mr. Dudukovich provides the tools to answer those questions through observation, experimentation, and the scientific method of problem solving.

“In conclusion, I highly recommend this course to every teacher who wants to encourage their students to have a love for learning and wants to enhance their own investigative abilities. Sign up for this course now to take your teaching skills to the next level.”

***Nathan Leggs  
Middle School Math  
Living Faith Academy***

“Admiral Farragut Academy, a K-12 Preparatory and International Boarding School, is committed to incorporating the latest advancements in education. In its efforts to enhance its K-7 STEM curriculum, the academy conducted an extensive evaluation of STEM programs and curriculum in 2022, leading to the appointment of Jeff as the school's STEM Coach. In his role, Jeff provides support to faculty with professional development, introduces engaging STEM activities, and facilitates STEM events for the Lower School.

“As a Lower School STEM teacher, I would like to commend Jeff for his exceptional work and recommend his services to anyone looking to enhance their STEM program. Jeff's approach to teaching is a testament to his commitment to excellence and his ability to consistently "over-deliver" on his promises.”

***Rick Cochran  
STEM Teacher, K-7  
Admiral Farragut Academy***

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“I’ve been teaching 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders for the last sixteen years, both here at home and overseas. After two years of online professional development webinars, I was over it. Last school year, I vowed I wasn’t attending another useless workshop or seminar. The inevitable result of said vow was that the end of the school year arrived without me having fulfilled my PD requirements. Then along came Jeff’s week-long science workshop. It fulfilled my missing hours of PD and was about science which I like, so at the last minute I signed up for it. It was the best last-minute decision I’ve made in a while and the best PD I’ve attended in the last five years. Jeff was engaging and charismatic, a fact that made for a non-boring experience. More importantly, his workshop was actually that - a workshop. The other attendees and I didn’t ‘pretend’ to give or create mock lessons. We actually built and tested the rockets, designed and raced the boats, created and modeled our own realistic planets. While I was familiar with some of the activities presented during the course of the workshop, Jeff provided support materials and modeled strategies that I could use to tie the cool activity to actual concepts in ways that were real and that could preempt those age-old questions, ‘Why do we have to learn this?’ or ‘What good is this in the real world?’.

“Before Jeff’s workshop I was in a bit of a rut. My teaching had become stagnate especially after COVID. Attending Jeff’s workshop was the catalyst I needed to get my teaching mojo back.”

***Fatimah Abdusamad***  
***3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher***  
***Zam Zam Knowledge Academy***

“My training time with Mr. Dudukovich (aka “Mr. D.”) has been immensely influential. Prior to my training time with him, I had never taught science on my own, and I have never had official training in STEM. When I graduated high school, I worked at Abeka Academy for about 5 years during college. I was a biology major. Other than that, I had no real experience with teaching. For the 2021-2022 school year, I had my first classroom, teaching 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade math. This school year (2022-2023) I was moved to elementary to teach 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade science/STEM. To ensure that I had training and experience, my principal searched for a training program and found Mr. D. Due to unforeseen changes in dates, the training ended up conflicting with my summer work schedule with Catapult Learning. I reached out to Mr. D., and instead of turning me away or having me register for the later dates, which would have ruined my summer plans, he was determined to work around my schedule to fit me in the earliest training dates. He agreed to stay later every day that I worked so that he could catch me up to speed with what was covered and allowed me to witness and experience the coolest activities they did in class. He was lively, encouraging, and innovative.

“With the help of Mr. D, I was able to confidently approach this school year, ready to teach and engage my students in the wonderful world of science. Not only did he equip me with the tools necessary to be successful, but he made himself available for the entire year so that we could ask questions and get advice for the duration of the school year. That was extremely helpful because I had no idea which activities I wanted to do with my students yet to support their learning material. I was even able to invite him to my school to do an in-house field trip for both elementary and middle school. The students were engaged and excited and impressed with the different stations he brought with him to teach them. I have never had an instructor like Mr. Dudukovich. I have seen him rearrange his schedule so that no one was left out or left without an understanding. He truly has a heart for students, STEM, and overall education.”

***Seneca Oracius***  
***3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science/STEM Teacher***  
***Pine Castle Christian Academy***

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“Jeff was an amazing STEM instructor. His personality, passion and professionalism for teaching created an incredible learning environment for staff and students. Jeff shared lessons and made them simple while bringing them to life through hands-on experiments and methods. He was engaging, knowledgeable and made learning lots of fun. My staff and I really enjoy Jeff and the STEM training. It was a valuable and life-changing week. Our entire staff loved the experience and the open communication he left us. Thank you, Jeff, for making learning so much fun! Our students at Living Faith Academy are more blessed and inspired about learning. We plan to have Jeff back for more training!”

***Dr. Tony Barhoo  
Principal  
Living Faith Academy***

"STEM PROS professional development training is an extremely beneficial and impactful course that I highly recommend to any teachers or administrators considering incorporating STEM education into the classroom. The program is innovative and engaging. Most of all, Jeff makes STEM education approachable regardless of prior STEM experience. Jeff's enthusiasm for the material is contagious, and he does a great job getting students and teachers excited about learning."

***Mike Beauregard  
High School Programming, Computer Science, 3D Printing, Digital Art  
Arbor School of Central Florida***

“As a high school Engineering and Physics teacher, I was skeptical at first what this training session was about. However, early in the first session I felt this is what I really needed! Mr. Dudukovich's energetic and hands-on approach for learning reminded me about the fun we can have in the classroom. The activities are relevant to what students are learning and best of all easy on the wallet. My students are laughing, socializing, and communicating while exploring and brain-stretching, and I'm having fun!”

***Peter P.  
High School Physics/Engineering  
Volusia County Schools***

“As the Head of the Lower School, I found Jeff to be responsive to the needs of a new teacher and administrator team. He listened carefully to understand our priorities and preferences for support. He was enthusiastic and inclusive in his support to include as many teachers and students as possible. His resources are rigorous, connected to NGSS, as well as following the engineering design process. I recommend Jeff for his expertise, collaboration, and engaging instruction.”

***Ms. Rebecca Pembrook  
Head of Lower School  
Admiral Farragut Academy***

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“Camelot Elementary School would like to give a huge shout out to Jeff Dudukovich for bringing STEM Night to our school! It was incredible! Teachers received training and supplies for every station as well as a teacher STEM packet with talking points loaded with information! On STEM Night, students were engaged, excited, and rushing from station to station to learn about science! Jeff made science SO MUCH FUN! We appreciate all his efforts and support for making this possible!”

***Nancy Dale  
Gifted Teacher  
Camelot Elementary School***

“Jeff Dudukovich - the man, the myth, the legend! I had the pleasure of being his student during his course and working alongside him during our STEM Family Night at my school. In the summer of 2022, I had the opportunity to attend the STEM course for my professional development, and it was the best experience because there was a balance of activities. Jeff shared ingenious ideas to foster learning in my students, he allowed us to experience the labs, his lectures were minimal, and he shared ways to do labs on a shoestring budget. Jeff hosted our annual family STEM Night in the fall of 2022, and the families, students, faculty, and staff are still raving about this experience. This event was unlike any other, as he brought science to life, and this allowed our guests to enjoy the event while having fun.”

***Marsha Campbell  
Upper School Science Teacher  
Foundations Academy***