

# Aspirnaut Program

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Founded in 2006 by two Vanderbilt faculty members, the program was launched as an online-learning-on-the-bus initiative in rural, Arkansas in 2006. Since the first pilot on rural school bus routes where students completed online curriculum, Aspirnaut™ has evolved to a K-20 STEM pipeline program for diversity that partners the experiential and content expertise of Vanderbilt University Medical Center with rural K-12 schools and diverse high school, undergraduate and graduate students.

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