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TOPEKA, Kan. (WIBW)- One Kansas politician traded in politics for science Tuesday.

U.S. Representative Lynn Jenkins joined STARBASE [students](#) [1] at the Museum of the Kansas National Guard. STARBASE is designed to inspire students to take a greater interest in science, technology, engineering and math.

Jenkins says that students taught her how to control a robot through a computer, and that it is those kinds of skills that are needed to take the U.S. into the future.

“It’s critical for our nation, if we’re going to stay innovative and on the cutting edge and be world [leaders](#) [1] we are today, we need to encourage people, young men and women, to go into these fields so we can continue to innovate,” she said.

Since its inception, more than 69,000 Kansas students have attended STARBASE academies in Kansas City, Manhattan, Salina, Topeka, Hays and Wichita.

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