STEM Advantage 6th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser
April 21, 2018 at Sony Pictures Studios

On Saturday, April 21, 2018, STEM Advantage held its 6th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser at Sony Pictures Studios. 200 guests attended, our largest event to date!

Wolfgang Puck Catering provided the delicious food and beverages and our program included Frank Mottek, KNX 1070 as Emcee.

Board Members Cindy McKenzie and David Buckholtz, Honorary Co-Chairs opened the event, with presentations by Chris Gray of Scholly, Dan Priest (PwC and Board Member), and a Scholars Panel moderated by Daraiha Greene, Head of Multicultural Engagement, CS in Media, Google including Alumna Shawna and current scholars Karina and Airrion.

We netted $150,000 in STEM Advantage scholarship funds through sponsorships and the Fund-a-Scholar Auction, thank you to everyone for your support!

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 If you were unable to attend and would like to make a donation to the STEM Advantage Scholarship Fund, you can do so here:

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Board Member Cindy McKenzie Receives Society for Information Management (SIM) 2018 Most Inspiring Leader Award; STEM Advantage is Awarded the 2018 SIM STEM Non-Profit Partner Award

On April 12, 2018 at the SIM Connect Live conference in Dallas, Texas, Cindy McKenzie, our VP and Board Member, was awarded the SIM Most Inspiring Leader award, given to an RLF or Chapter Member who is deeply and personally involved in STEM programs/initiatives and has led innovative programs to recruit and mentor STEM students or young professionals during the past year. The photo above shows Cindy receiving the award.

STEM Advantage was also recognized as 2018 SIM STEM Non-Profit Partner. This award recognizes a non-profit partner who has worked closely with a SIM Chapter to make a significant impact in advancing STEM educational opportunities. Thank you Southern California Society for Information Management (SCSIM) for your partnership.

STEM Advantage Partners with CSU Dominguez Hills in Torohack 2 Cybersecurity Conference

Panelists L to R: Tin Zaw and Hattan Shobokshi, Verizon Digital Media; Shawna Delgadillo, Accenture (STEM Advantage alumna); Sally McKay, Deluxe Entertainment Services Group; Anita Ashong, Farmers Insurance; Moderator, Dr. Dawn Mooney Digrius.

Torohack2 Cybersecurity Conference, Women in STEM Track, CSU Dominguez Hills, Saturday, April 7, 2018

STEM Advantage partnered with students and faculty from CSU Dominguez Hills Department of Computer Science, to host the 2nd Annual Torohack Cybersecurity Conference on the CSUDH Campus, Saturday, April 7, 2018. Over 300 students attended and participated in a Hack-a-thon, as well as break out sessions including a "Women in STEM Track" with PowerUP (EY), Speed Mentoring, and Networking 101 options, hosted by STEM Advantage.

STEM Advantage also offered a Keynote panel, with participants from industry (see above photo) and a Networking Reception for Alumni, Current Scholars, Mentors, and Supporters. We would like to thank Jobert Nombrado, Dr. Mohsen Beheshti, Shawna Gale, Beth Rosemond, Steve Alessi, Kari Ostgaard and STEM Advantage Scholar Alumni for volunteering their time to participate.