



January 2018 Newsletter

Meet Alyssa Cervantes!

This fall, STEM Advantage began partnering with California State University, Long Beach, adding a fourth campus to our portfolio! We met with nearly 500 students through our professional development workshops and information sessions and received over 100 applications. Alyssa Cervantes, a CSULB sophomore from Lakewood majoring in Computer Science, holds a 3.2 GPA and hopes to not only find a career in the field, but also give back to her community.



Alyssa volunteers for CSULB "Future Girls at the Beach" mentoring young girls and directing them towards a STEM major. She believes that by doing so, more girls will major in STEM, graduate, and enter the STEM fields.

Given that we had a record number of applications this year, we are looking for internship placements for Alyssa and the rest of our amazing 2017-2018 Scholars. If you are interested in learning more about our internship program or are looking for paid, full-time summer internship candidates, please contact Lee Ann Kline at leeann@stemadvantage.org or Dawn Mooney Digrius at dawn@stemadvantage.org.

Save the Date!

April 21, 2018, STEM Advantage will host its 6th Annual Fundraiser at Sony Pictures Studios.

Cindy McKenzie, Chief Information Officer, Deluxe Entertainment Services Group, and David Buckholtz, Senior Vice President, Corporate Information Technology, Sony Pictures Entertainment, will serve as Honorary Co-Chairs for the Event. Wolfgang Puck Caterers will provide the food and beverages and we anticipate our largest attendance to date. Once again, we welcome **KNX 1070 Senior Money Anchor Frank Mottek** as our emcee! Join us as we celebrate STEM Advantage adding a fourth campus to its partnership, serving nearly 3000 students through its outreach and professional development workshops, and selecting over 100 scholars this year.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information please contact Dawn Mooney Digrius, Executive Director, at dawn@stemadvantage.org.



US2020 STEM Coalition Challenge Grant

This past fall, STEM Advantage submitted a grant application to participate in the US2020 STEM Coalition Challenge. 92 proposals were submitted representing 1947 partners, of those fifteen finalists were chosen. While we were not chosen to compete in the second round, STEM Advantage was highlighted for its submission and commended for its work in our communities. Puja Parekh, Project Manager for the US2020 STEM Coalition Challenge noted, "we had a very difficult time narrowing our pool of applicants to fifteen finalists. We again, want to share our gratitude of you taking the time to engage in this process and share your local stories, as these have been an inspiration not only to our team, but to our judges who reviewed your applications. We were all very inspired by the work you're doing and encourage you to continue pursuing it."



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