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January 2020 Newsletter



Career Night

On January 8, hiring managers and talent leaders came together to help nearly 100 STEM Advantage Scholars prepare for Spring interviews. Sessions included one-on-one mock interviews, resume reviews, IT careers, consulting 101, technical/coding interviews, LinkedIn profiles, creating your brand and storytelling, networking 101, and negotiating skills. Plus, there were opportunities to practice networking and build community throughout the evening.

Students told us Career Night had a direct impact on their ability to be better prepared for and more confident in all aspects of the job search and interview process.

Special thank you to participants from Accenture, Amazon, Belkin International, County of Los Angeles, Deluxe Entertainment Services Group, FabFitFun, Farmers, Google, Heidrick & Struggles, Laserfiche, Lionsgate, Magenic, Monarch Landscape, NBCUniversal, Pivotal, Sony Pictures Entertainment and Viking Cruises.

A huge thank you to Kern Wasan and the team at Pivotal Labs, who hosted the evening, generously provided a great venue and food, and gave each student a book to help with their job search.



YOU can make a difference: Provide an Internship or Be a Mentor

We need more summer internships and mentors to help talented, first generation college students like Monica, Charles and Leslie reach their potential. Scholars are majoring in computer science, technology, computer information systems, math or engineering at a Cal State/CSU campus.

Internships are a win-win. They provide students real-world experience and an opportunity to develop both technical and soft skills, while providing businesses a pipeline for diverse entry-level STEM talent. To provide a paid internship(s), contact <u>cindy@stemadvantage.org</u>.

Mentors make a difference. Young people thrive when they know someone cares about their future and they receive guidance about educational and career options. Each Scholar is paired with a mentor to provide support for their tenure in the program. To be a mentor, contact <u>susan@stemadvantage.org</u>



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