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Meet Savannah- CSU Long Beach,  
Civil Engineering!



Savannah writes, "The following picture is of myself at AKM Consulting Engineering in Irvine, CA. My internship took place during the summer of 2018 and it is very wonderful because I go to job sites and learn by visiting the actual job sites, not just imagining them. My amazing internship would not have been possible without the support of the STEM Advantage Program and the scholarship I received through the help of the donors. Thank you very much for everything you have helped me achieve."



## STEM Advantage and Pivotal Co-Host First Annual Summer Social- July 18, 2018

On July 18, 2018, STEM Advantage co-hosted its first Summer Social Networking event at Pivotal in Santa Monica, to celebrate our newest partnership. The event focused on informational "lightning talks" given by CIOs including our own Cindy McKenzie and Marlo Donate, as well as by Alex Grimwade, SVP/CIO at Twentieth Century Fox Television, Noelle Sio, Head of Data Science (Pivotal), Shatarupa Nandi, Director of Engineering (Pivotal Cloud Foundry), and Genevieve L'Esperance, Engineer (Pivotal Cloud Foundry).

SVP of Corporate Information Technology at Sony Pictures Entertainment (and STEM Advantage Board Member) David Buckholtz was also on hand, along with Executive Director Dr. Dawn Mooney Digrius and President and Founder of STEM Advantage, Lee Ann Kline. Chloe Lai, District Manager Enterprise Sales, Greater Los Angeles Region of Dell Technologies was also in attendance and shared her experiences with the scholars.

The focus was on talent development; STEM Advantage Scholars had the chance to meet industry leaders in attendance and ask questions about hiring practices, preparing for the job market, and strategic planning for career development. Many thanks to **Henry Meller** of Pivotal for

coordinating the event!

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## STEM Advantage Scholars Tour SpaceX!



As part of STEM Advantage's "Women in STEM" track during the Torohack 2 Cybersecurity Conference held at Cal State Dominguez Hills this spring, STEM Advantage Scholars and a group of Scholars from local California Community Colleges had the chance to win a spot on a special tour of SpaceX, courtesy of Ken Venner. The lucky students were Airrion, Allura, Edwin, Jocelyn, Gabriela, Jennifer, Katherine, Monika, and Thar. On July 25th, they met host Jesse Rogers at One Rocket Road, Hawthorne, for a unique tour and opportunity to ask questions, including how to stand out in the hiring process for a coveted SpaceX internship or entry level position. Thanks SpaceX!

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## Support Scholars like Savannah!

Our mission is to provide our 360 degree program to women and under-represented communities enrolled full-time at the California State University, majoring in STEM.

We offer scholarships, match scholars with mentors, and facilitate paid, full-time summer internships, changing lives!

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## ***We Need YOU!***

If you have time to **mentor** a STEM Advantage Scholar, we ask that you commit to a 1:1:1 relationship (one hour, once a month, for one year-minimum). We match each scholar with a mentor, your expertise is needed. For more information, please contact Lee Ann Kline at **leeann@stemadvantage.org**, or complete the online registration form here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4628717>

If you have an **internship opportunity**, please contact Executive Director, Dr. Dawn Mooney Digrius at **dawn@stemadvantage.org** for more information or to register with STEM Advantage as an internship provider. Visit us online at [www.stemadvantage.org](http://www.stemadvantage.org)



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