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March 2019 Newsletter

Support our Scholarship Fund!
7th Annual STEM Advantage Scholarship Gala 2019



Join executives from Farmers, Sony, NBCUniversal, Deluxe Entertainment Services Group and others as STEM Advantage celebrates its 7th year supporting the young women and men who

are our Faces of STEM™

on

Saturday, April 27, 2019

for our

7th Annual Scholarship Gala

at the

California Science Center

Samuel Oschin Space Shuttle Endeavour Pavilion**7:00PM to 10:00PM**

Catering by Kensington Caterers

Frank Mottek- Senior Money Anchor KNX-1070 will once again be our
Emcee**George Pla**, CEO, Cordoba Corporation is our Keynote Speaker
Presentations by**Savannah, Rubi, and Mary Liza**(STEM Advantage Scholars/Alumna will share their stories and your
impact)**Individual Tickets are Now Available!**Adult Ticket = \$225 per person/**\$250 after April 1, 2019**

Under 16 Ticket = \$175 per person

For more information or to find out more about **Sponsorship Opportunities** contact Dr. Dawn Mooney Digrius, Executive Director at dawn@stemadvantage.org or Lee Ann Kline, President & Founder at leeann@stemadvantage.org or **949.322.3320**

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Meet Hosna Q!

Hosna is a Computer Engineering Major at California State University, Northridge who plans to graduate in May 2019. She held an internship at Northrop Grumman during the Summer of 2018 and learned a lot about life on-the-job.

Like many of our STEM Advantage Scholars, Hosna is a first-generation college student; the first in her family to attend college. She has served as the President of the student chapter of the Society for Women Engineers (SWE) at CSUN and noted that "coming from an immigrant family, I have had to figure out a lot of things on my own. I want to be a role model for young women to look up to; to show that women are capable of being engineers and computer scientists."

One of Hosna's long-term goals is to "work for a company that is making a difference in our society." Hosna plans to attend graduate school after completing her Bachelor's degree at Cal State Northridge, earning a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

You can learn more about Hosna and our other Faces of STEM by checking out our website or following us on Social Media!

We are always looking for new partners to **provide internship opportunities** for scholars like Hosna. If you have opportunities to share, please contact **Lee Ann Kline**, President & Founder at **949.322.3320** or at leann@stemadvantage.org.



**The CIO Whisperers-
Dan Roberts,
Highlights STEM
Advantage!**

<https://www.cio.com/article/3384918/cios-create-a-stem-advantage-develop-program-to-cultivate-it-talent.html>

On March 27, 2019, Dan Roberts, CEO of Oulette & Associates Consulting, Inc., interviewed Board Members, Marlo Donate (Farmers Insurance), Ron Guerrier (State of Illinois), and Cindy McKenzie (Deluxe Entertainment Services Group) on the motivation for starting STEM Advantage for his blog, The CIO Whisperers.

The piece highlighted a desire for finding and hiring diverse local talent resulted in the founding of STEM Advantage. Roberts noted, "They're partnering with less prominent colleges to find more diverse, often overlooked, candidates, and using tech meetups and other local events to promote their brands and meet IT talent. It's a perspective and set of techniques any CIO should emulate."

Roberts further recognized that through the work of STEM Advantage, "this group of IT executives is both making a difference in underserved

communities and recruiting remarkable people for key vacancies."

We would like to thank Dan Roberts for sharing the mission of STEM Advantage with a larger audience on his "The CIO Whisperers" blog and to Cindy, Marlo, and Ron for taking the time out of their busy schedules to provide interviews. Click the link provided for the full article.

To learn more about STEM Advantage, contact our President & Founder **Lee Ann Kline** at **949-322-3320** or via email at **leeann@stemadvantage.org**

