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May 2021 Newsletter

Still Needed: Summer Internships and Entry-Level Jobs

We are looking for more summer internships, plus entry-level positions for new graduates. If your company has openings, please contact Lee Ann at leann@stemadvantage.org

Congratulation Graduates!



Nearly 100 STEM Advantage Scholars graduated in May! Meet two graduates...

Kaylee earned a B.S. in Computer Science at Cal State Northridge.

I'm so grateful to be a scholar. STEM Advantage helped me network with recruiters and other professionals. As a scholar, I also learned interviewing skills, how to write a resume and create a better LinkedIn profile, and I received support from a mentor. Most importantly, the program helped me get interviews with multiple big companies. And the scholarship definitely helped me during the pandemic.

With support from STEM Advantage, I graduated with an academic honor, interned with NASA, and I am a Georgia Tech M.S. in Computer Science candidate.

A big thanks to STEM Advantage's donors and team. I'm so lucky to be a part of this big family!

Charles earned a B.S. in Computer Science at Cal Poly Pomona. He had internships at Farmers & Merchants Bank and Accenture. He'll be earning a Master's degree in Artificial Intelligence at USC starting this Fall.



Summer Internships



Now that STEM Advantage Scholars have completed Spring semester and finals, we held a workshop to help them prepare for and get the most from their summer internships. A special thank you to partners and alumni, who shared their experiences and advice with interactive discussion and Q&A. Thank you to...

- Christina Shareef, Head of Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging at Reddit, for discussing networking and workplace etiquette
- Angela Gardner, Partner, Media, Entertainment & Digital Practice at Heidrick & Struggles, for discussing how to build your brand
- Madeline McCooe, Location Lead and Campus Recruiter (Southern California) at Accenture, and Stephen Manning, Senior Manager at Accenture, for sharing what makes a good intern and tips and tricks to make the most of your internship. They engaged the scholars in some exercises, including one that produced the "word cloud" pictured above.
- STEM Advantage alumni Charles Bickham, Tanner Mindrum, and Beatriz Ruiz, for sharing their internship experiences - in person, virtual, and hybrid - and how they informed their career paths.

Los Angeles Business Journal honored STEM Advantage as Diversity, Inclusion + Equity Nonprofit of the Year

STEM Advantage mentors, prepares and inspires women and underserved communities to pursue STEM careers. Talent is equally distributed, but opportunity is not. We provide economic and social mobility to underserved groups, while providing a vetted pipeline of diverse talent to businesses. 100% of your tax-deductible gift funds STEM Advantage Scholars, who are mostly low-income, first-generation college students, attending California State University (CSU), the largest and most ethnically diverse four-year public university system in the nation.

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