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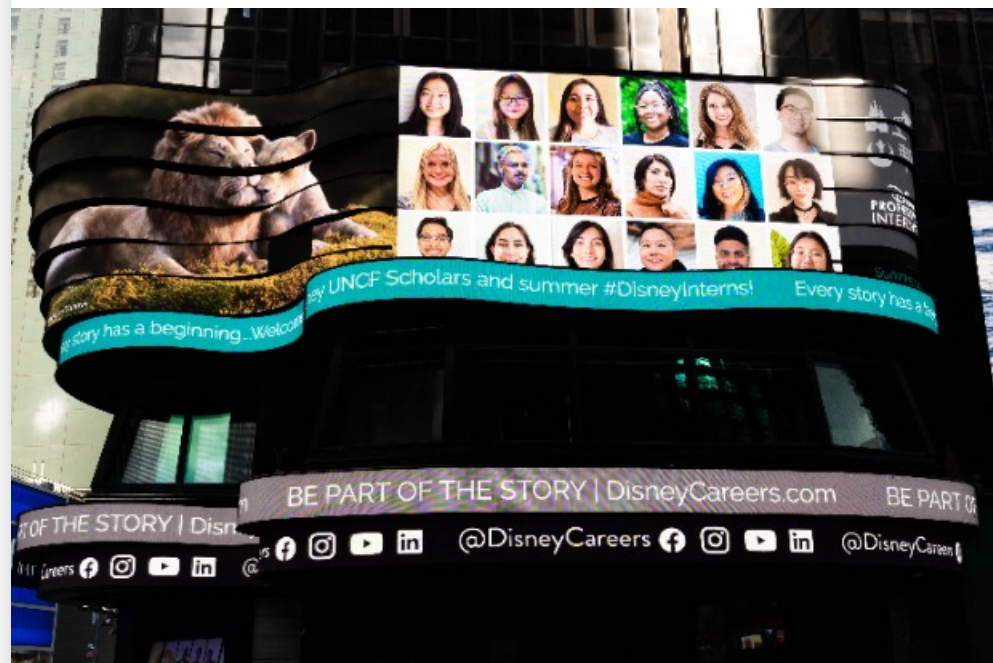
ADVANCING EQUITY THROUGH EDUCATION

## July 2021 Newsletter

### Summer Internships

Thank you to our partners for providing paid internships! Real-world experience makes a difference for STEM Advantage Scholars as they prepare for STEM careers.

If you can provide paid Summer 2022 internships and/or if you are looking for diverse entry-level STEM talent, please contact [leeann@stemadvantage.org](mailto:leeann@stemadvantage.org)



Maria is earning a bachelor's degree in Computer Science at Cal State Fullerton.

"Thank you so much for the connections that got me to my internship at Disney with Lucasfilm. Attached is an image of myself that Disney featured outside the Good Morning America studio in the middle of Times Square.

I feel truly blessed to be working with such a magical company. I have met so many great individuals and their roles in the broad world of IT. I have learned the importance of IT audits, security, networks, and so much more!"

Maria is the 3rd person in the top row of the photo. Maria will share her story, plus you'll hear from our friends at The Walt Disney Company during our 9th Annual STEM Advantage Scholars Gala on August 28th. See below to register and join us.



Jared is earning a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at Cal State Fullerton.

Here Jared is "in the field" during his internship at Stacy and Witbeck, where he is working on the 6th Street Bridge replacement project.



Rahim is earning a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems at Cal Poly Pomona.

"Having a background in sales, customer service, and finance, I knew that I needed to supplement my skills with real world IT experience to be competitive for the job market. Thanks to STEM Advantage and its leaders, I was able to land a full time IT Internship at one of the country's biggest law firms, Paul Hastings.

The internship has been a tremendous boon for me. I am learning something new every day and no two days are the same. My degree in CIS has a business intelligence emphasis, but I need to be well versed in multiple areas of IT to enter a competitive job market. I have worked on real projects for the firm that allowed me to learn a new programming language and see the realm of front-end development. Plus, I am writing documentation for my code so other developers understand how I approached the task. Also, I have a mentor who is a Software Architect that reviews my work and gives me feedback.

I am eternally grateful to Paul Hastings and STEM Advantage for giving me such a wonderful opportunity. Before entering the internship, I had doubts about my capabilities and skills about working in IT. But now that doubt is gone, and it's replaced with excitement, joy, and confidence. Paul Hastings and STEM Advantage have given me the opportunity and experience to be successful wherever I go."

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### **A Night at the Museum**

**Saturday, August 28**

Please join us! **Frank Mottek** from KNX 1070 news radio and host of Mottek on Money will be our Emcee as we celebrate our scholars, and they share their stories.

For tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/STEM-Museum>

To be a sponsor, please contact [leeann@stemadvantage.org](mailto:leeann@stemadvantage.org) or 949.322.3320



# Save the Date

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM FOR OUR 9TH ANNUAL STEM ADVANTAGE SCHOLARS GALA TO ADVANCE EQUITY THROUGH EDUCATION!

PLACE: NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021  
TIME: 7:30 PM TO 10:30 PM

TO PURCHASE TICKETS: <https://bit.ly/STEM-Museum>

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

Talent is equally distributed, but opportunity is not. STEM Advantage mentors, prepares, and inspires women and underserved communities to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). 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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