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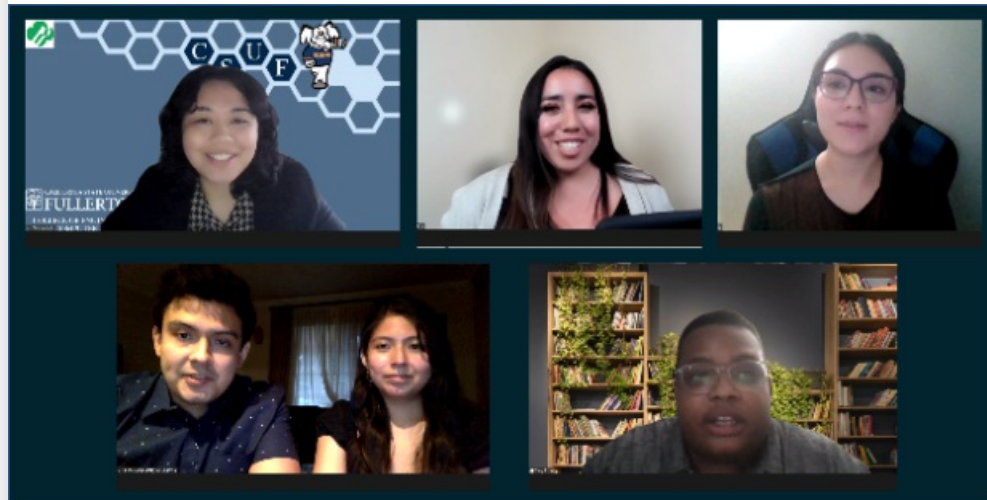
ADVANCING EQUITY THROUGH EDUCATION

August 2021 Newsletter

9th Annual STEM Advantage Scholars Gala

"The best thing I have done for my future by far was apply for the STEM Advantage program."

-Sirena, Computer Science major, Cal State Fullerton, STEM Advantage Scholar



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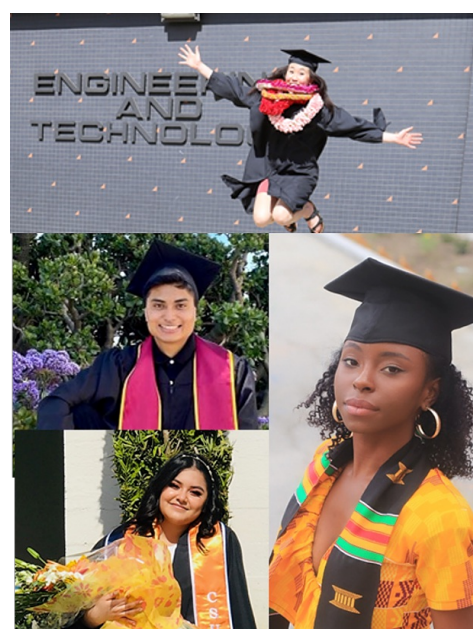
On behalf of our scholars, **Thank You** for supporting our STEM Advantage Scholars Gala on August 28. To those unable to join, we are sorry that we missed one another at the inspiring event and would appreciate discussing our new and existing partnership opportunities found below.

Thank you to our talented and inspiring scholars Idenia, Sirena, Gary, Leslie, Matthew, and Maria, for sharing their stories and representing our scholars and alumni so well.

Thank you to **Frank Mottek**, host of *Mottek on Money* on 790 KABC, for giving his time every year to host our event. We appreciate Frank's continuous support.

Thank you to **Dr. Raquel Marquez from Farmers, Christina Shareef from Reddit, and Amy Sanchez from The Walt Disney Company** for being so supportive personally and on behalf of their companies, and introducing our scholars.

Thank you to **our generous sponsors – Farmers, Accenture, ADP, Reddit, The Walt Disney Company, SoftwareOne, Southern California Society for Information Management (SCSIM), Deloitte, DAX Software Solutions, Watson Land Company, AWS, KPMG, Laserfiche, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, The Duck Family in Memory of Susan Duck, Schlock and Doc, Acorio, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Aerospace Corporation, and our anonymous sponsors** for supporting our program, scholarships, and scholars in so many ways.



IMPACT

We appreciate your ongoing support, as individuals and companies, for our mission.

Working together, we have had a significant impact:

- Los Angeles Business Journal honored STEM Advantage as **Diversity, Inclusion + Equity Nonprofit of the Year**
- **460** STEM Advantage Scholars; **55%** are **women** in this year's cohort; **87%** are **students of color**
- **100%** graduation rate and persistence

- rate in a STEM major
- **70%** are low-income, first-generation college students
- **\$1.5 M** in scholarships awarded to date
- **\$71,000** average starting salary, a sustainable living wage

PARTNERSHIPS

Please reach out to discuss partnership opportunities, including engaging our collective broader networks, to support STEM Advantage. We welcome corporate and foundation partnerships and donations around our existing and new platforms:

- Expanding our Scholars Program. Even more essential in these times of economic insecurity for students from low-income communities and first-generation college students.
- Internships and Entry-level job opportunities for our vetted pipeline of diverse STEM talent
- Engaging first year college students through our Freshman Career Pathways Program **(NEW!)**
- Scaling our geographic reach and expanding STEM Advantage across the California State University system and beyond **(NEW!)**
- Mentorships, including engaging Employee Resource Groups and Volunteer Programs, for one-on-one mentoring or workshops
- Professional Development, including resumes reviews and practice interviews
- Designing a Campaign of inspirational and aspirational content to give Visibility and Voice to Women, African American/Black and Hispanic/Latinx representation in STEM **(NEW!)**

Thank you again! We are incredibly grateful for your support and partnership.

Please spread the word around STEM Advantage's impact and our contact information:

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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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