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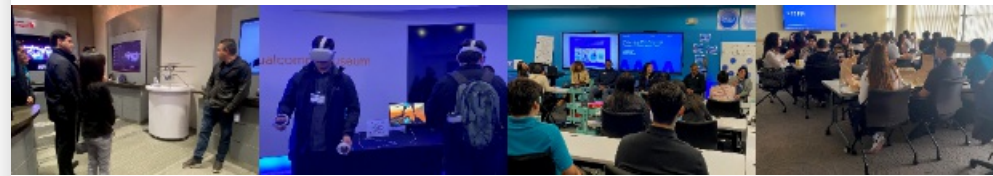
January 2023 Newsletter

Careers @ Qualcomm Day & Mentoring Event



Thank you to Brianne Wada, Courtney Lach, and the Qualcomm team for hosting **STEM Advantage Careers @ Qualcomm Day** in San Diego for our Scholars attending Cal State San Marcos and San Diego State University. Scholars learned about products and technologies made possible by Qualcomm, including 5G-enabled smartphones, AI innovations, robotics & Mars Ingenuity, and Extended Reality (XR). A panel of software and hardware engineers shared insight on their careers, what it's like to work in their respective areas, and career opportunities. During lunch, Scholars met with panelists and Qualcomm professionals (*many scholars met with their paired STEM Advantage mentor*) for mentoring - a great way to celebrate National Mentoring Month.

We appreciate our partnership with Qualcomm and thank everyone for making our Scholars feel so welcome. Photos include scholars in front of Qualcomm's patent wall and in the Thinkabit Lab.



STEM Advantage 2023 Leadership Series

Thank you to our corporate partners and professionals for giving your time and sharing your experiences to help our Scholars learn both hard skills and soft skills, prepare for their job search, and explore career opportunities.

The first three weeks in January, we held **Professional Development Workshops** on imposter syndrome, certifications, communication skills, behavioral and technical coding interviews, personal branding and networking, career pathways, financial education, wellness, and negotiation skills. Plus, **Career Panels on STEM Careers in ...** Aerospace, Media & Entertainment, Biotech & MedTech, Consulting, Financial Services & Insurance, Engineering companies, and Technology companies. We received great feedback including how helpful the content was to help Scholars prepare for interviews, internships, and jobs, and how much they appreciated everyone sharing their experiences, providing advice, and answering their questions.

Thank you to STEM professionals from the following companies who participated...



Career Panel & Networking Event @ Slalom



Thank you to Pritha Sridharan, Andrea Rojas, and **Slalom's Orange County team** for hosting a career panel, lunch and networking mixer for our Scholars to learn about consulting careers. Plus, how an interest in technology platforms, such as AWS, Google Cloud, and Salesforce, and earning a certification can help them stand out to recruiters and hiring managers both for internships and new grad jobs. Slalom's people come first culture and kindness helped our scholars feel comfortable in one-on-one and small group conversations to learn more and practice their networking skills. We are grateful to Slalom OC and everyone on your team!

If you and your company would like to host an in-person event for our Scholars, please contact Lee Ann at leeann@stemadvantage.org



Invest in Diverse STEM Talent

Talent is equally distributed, but opportunity is not. STEM Advantage mentors, prepares, and inspires women and underserved communities to pursue STEM careers. We provide economic and social mobility to underserved groups, while providing a vetted pipeline of diverse talent to businesses to fill their workforce needs.

Los Angeles Business Journal honored STEM Advantage as Diversity, Inclusion + Equity Nonprofit of the Year! 100% of your tax-deductible gift supports STEM Advantage Scholars. Thank you for making an investment that is changing lives.

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