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## April 2023 Newsletter

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### Thank you to our volunteers!

Did you know National Volunteer Week was April 16-22?

Thank you to the 200+ STEM professionals who volunteer your time to be phenomenal mentors providing a role model, support, guidance, and coaching to STEM Advantage Scholars. We appreciate YOU making time to listen to their interests and questions, sharing experiences and advice, and helping them gain confidence for interviews, internships and jobs. Plus, we appreciate the many professionals who lead our workshops, participate on career panels, and serve on our Board of Directors and Advisory Board.

We are incredibly grateful for all that you do to make a difference for the women and underserved communities we serve. As 72% of our Scholars are first-generation college students from low-income families, your support means the world.

Thank YOU! Sharing a few photos...



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### Cal State Dominguez Hills' ToroHack 7.0

We have been honored to participate in this student-led cybersecurity conference for the past seven years. On April 22nd, we facilitated two stellar panels featuring industry leaders and alumni, who shared their knowledge, experiences, and advice with students interested in cybersecurity careers.

#### Women in STEM panel

- Tammy Choy, VP & CIO, The Aerospace Corporation, and STEM Advantage mentor
- Melanie Hildebrandt, EVP & CIO, Endeavor, and STEM Advantage Board/ Executive Committee and mentor
- Helen Norris, VP & CIO, Chapman University
- Linda Yang, Former CIO, Discover Claims, and STEM Advantage mentor



#### Cybersecurity Careers panel

- Aliah Cadena, Sr Cybersecurity Engineer, T-Mobile, and STEM Advantage alumna
- Abigail Deras, Staff Cyber Security Engineer, Qualcomm, and STEM Advantage mentor
- Abanoub Ghaly, Cloud Security Manager, Accenture, and STEM Advantage alumnus
- Lia Metz, Cyber Security Engineer, NBCUniversal, and STEM Advantage alumna



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### Seeking internships & entry-level jobs

Internships help students gain real-world experience and position them for entry-level jobs when they graduate. If you can provide paid internships (in-person, hybrid, or remote) and/or hire entry-level STEM talent, please contact Jasmyn at [jasmyn@stemadvantage.org](mailto:jasmyn@stemadvantage.org)



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### SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 9

Please join us on Saturday evening, September 9, at Sony Pictures Studios for our annual Scholarship Gala to celebrate our Scholars and hear their stories. We are 10 years old and celebrating all year. We are on a great trajectory and grateful for your support as we embark on our next 10 years. More details to come...

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Lee Ann at [leeann@stemadvantage.org](mailto:leeann@stemadvantage.org)



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### 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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