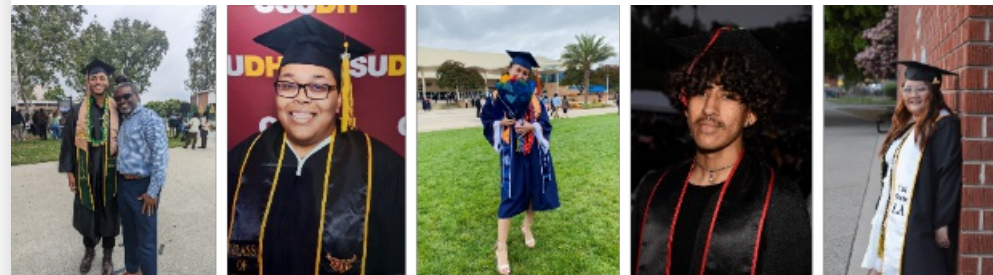


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ADVANCING EQUITY THROUGH EDUCATION

June 2023 Newsletter



Congratulations Graduates!

Sharing more graduation photos. More than 100 Scholars graduated in May and are now part of our alumni network.

Oh, the Places You'll Go! By Dr. Seuss

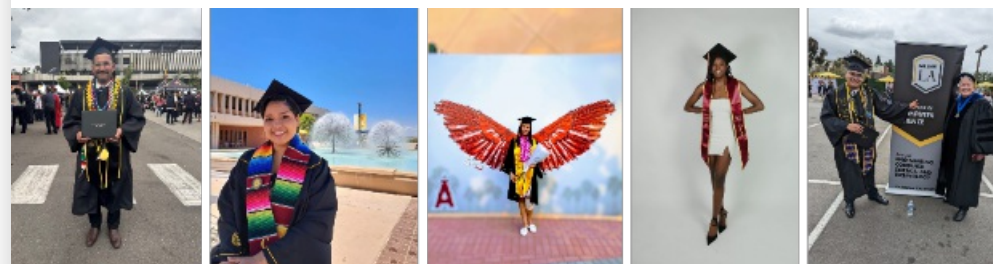
Congratulations!

Today is your day.

You're off to Great Places!

You're off and away!

Thank YOU for making a difference. We appreciate you making a difference by being a mentor, providing internships and entry-level jobs, conducting professional and career development workshops, being on career panels, and funding scholarships.



Thank you, Qualcomm!

Qualcomm professionals hosted a professional development workshop and mentoring lunch for our San Diego-based Scholars on June 2. Mai Seto, VR/AR Architecture Senior Research Engineer at Qualcomm, and Ming Ng, Lead Business Systems Analyst at ADP, held an interactive discussion with Scholars sharing their career journeys and advice. Then Ming discussed IT roles and career paths in large- and mid-size IT organizations and consulting companies. During lunch, Qualcomm professionals, who are STEM Advantage mentors, joined Scholars for mentoring discussions.

Thank you to Brianne, Whitney, and Courtney @ Qualcomm for your partnership.



Alumni Mixer @ Laserfiche

Over 50 alumni attended a mixer on June 28 @ Laserfiche Headquarters in Long Beach. This was a great event, which brought together alumni from our first cohort in 2012 through recent grads, who we were unable to meet in-person due to the pandemic. Scholars and alumni are the best ambassadors for our program. We are grateful to have a strong alumni network and excited to see their success. We appreciate that many 'pay it forward' as mentors, by referring Scholars and alumni for jobs, and as panelists on STEM career panels.

A very special thank you to Thomas Phelps (SVP of Corporate Strategy & CIO) and Noel Payne (Corporate Social Responsibility Program Manager) at Laserfiche for hosting this event.



Board member Maben Jimenez honored as "Mentor of the Year"

Maben Jimenez, Associate Principal Director at Aerospace, was honored during the Los Angeles Business Journal Women's Leadership Symposium & Awards (June 28) as "Mentor of the Year"! During the Symposium, every panelist discussed the importance of mentorship and sponsorship and the role these have played in their careers.

Congratulations to Maben on this significant recognition and for being an outstanding role model and mentor for many STEM Advantage Scholars, including Jorge and Monica (see photo). Plus, Maben has inspired 62 professionals at Aerospace to be mentors for our Scholars. We are grateful to have Maben serve on our Board.

Mentorship is so crucial to career development, especially for first-generation college students. We appreciate the 200+ professionals who are STEM Advantage mentors. Like Maben, their support will have lasting effects for years to come. If you would like to be a mentor, please reach out to Tania at tania@stemadvantage.org



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 9

Please join us on Saturday, September 9, at Sony Pictures Studios for our 11th Annual Scholarship Gala to celebrate our Scholars and hear their stories. Tickets will be available starting in July.

For sponsorship opportunities, 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. The 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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