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March 2024 Newsletter

Celebrating Women's History Month



On March 28th, we celebrated Women's History Month at Universal Studios Hollywood. STEM Advantage Scholars, alumnae, mentors and other women and nonbinary professionals came together for an inspirational panel "Finding Your Voice - how to contribute impactfully at work" and networking.

Thank you to our sponsors Women in Technology Hollywood (WITH), Universal Studios Hollywood, and Qvest. Plus, our panelists:

- Dr. Lynda Murray-Thomas, Sr. Director, Application Delivery & Strategy at Universal Parks & Resort
- Emily Villalba, Associate Software Engineer at Sony Pictures Entertainment and STEM Advantage Alumna
- Amy Sinko, SVP Web & Client Solutions at Lionsgate
- Jessica VanHook, Director, Software Engineering, Apple & Android Platforms, Crunchyroll
- Moderator: Kavita Anand, WITH Community Engagement Committee and SVP IP & Rights Management Practice Lead at Qvest

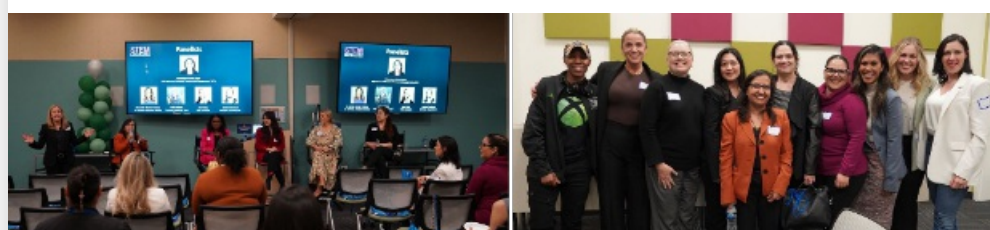
A special thank you to Kavita Anand, Dr. Lynda Murray-Thomas, Nina MacKenzie, Krystal Finkel, and STEM Advantage Vice President Cindy McKenzie for organizing and hosting this wonderful event.



"Last night was such an amazing opportunity. I feel like I was able to make the most of it and build lots of amazing connections. We are so lucky to have this wonderful program." -- Bonnie, STEM Advantage Scholar



"The event last night was fantastic. Excellent panelists. Thank you for putting together." -- Aliah, STEM Advantage Alumna



"Thank you again for the Women's Panel! I connected with a few of the professionals on Friday. I can't say thank you enough! Looking forward to more events." -- Taylor, STEM Advantage Alumna

Please Join Us...



Workforce of the Future

What Generative AI Means for Your Talent Strategy
and how you can retool, refit, and reimagine the workforce

Thursday, May 9th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm
@ Sony Pictures Studios, Culver City

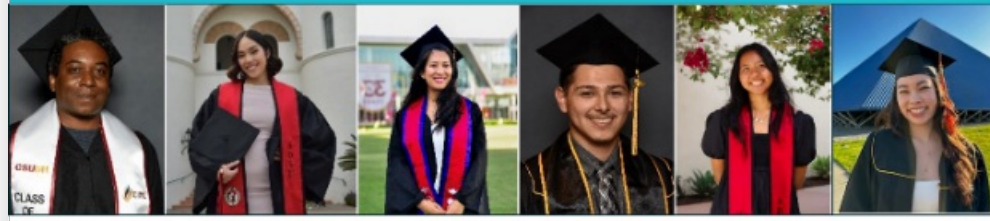
Welcome: Melanie Hildebrandt, EVP & CIO, Endeavor and TKO

Panel:

- David Buckholtz, SVP, Sony
- Christina Guckert, Head of Diversity, Inclusion, Belonging & Emerging Talent, Reddit
- Charles Sims, Cofounder, FunderAI
- Romola Ratnam, SVP, Head of Impact, Inclusion and Advocacy, Endeavor
- Christopher Castaneda, Business Analyst, Sony and STEM Advantage alum
- Facilitator: Kabeh Vaziri, Managing Vice President, CIO Advisory, Gartner

5 - 5:30 pm Registration; 5:30 pm Light Reception; 6:30 pm Panel; 7:30 pm Networking

Buy a ticket: <https://bit.ly/Workforce2024>



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Save the Date!

12th Annual STEM Advantage Scholarship Gala

Friday evening, September 6, 2024

@ Skirball Cultural Center

For Sponsorship information, contact Lee Ann at leeann@stemadvantage.org

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Talent is equally distributed, but opportunity is not. STEM Advantage mentors, prepares, and inspires women and underserved communities, primarily first-generation college students from low-income families, for STEM careers providing economic and social mobility to underserved groups and a vetted pipeline of diverse talent to businesses to fill their workforce needs. 100% of your tax-deductible gift supports STEM Advantage Scholars.

Thank you for making an investment that is changing lives!

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