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October 2024 Newsletter

Internships Make a Difference

If you are recruiting for **2025 internships** and **entry level roles**, we have skilled, talented, hard-working, and vetted STEM candidates ready to learn, contribute and make a difference in your organization.

Please contact Jasmyrn at jasmyrn@stemadvantage.org to discuss your hiring needs.



Our New Sizzle Reel

Our scholars and alumni, who are the **best** ambassadors for our program, are featured in our new "sizzle reel" along with mentors, hiring managers, and Board members. Please click on photo to view our new video, which is also featured on our website <http://www.stemadvantage.org>

A huge thank you to Steve Pollard and the team at **Workshop Creative** for envisioning and creating our sizzle reel and everyone who participated.



Thank You, Reddit

Thank you to our friends at Reddit, who hosted an in-person event to help our Scholars prepare for Fall recruiting and the SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) Convention. Our Scholars learned a lot from the insight shared during a Fireside Chat with software developers and recruiters and small breakout sessions.

A special thank you to the Emerging Talent Team - Deitrick Franklin and Waverly Heurtelou - for their partnership. Our Scholars love visiting Reddit's Los Angeles office and appreciated the wonderful food and swag.



Highlighting Alumni & Their Entrepreneurial Success



We all know the stories of how Amazon, Apple, Google, and Microsoft started out in a garage, so it's time for a new story that we hope you can all relate to. Here's a sneak peek at the next big story that takes place somewhere smaller than a garage. This is the story of how a **STEM Advantage alumnus Joshua Chavez** founded and raised **Master PC Builder** during the height of the pandemic and the silicon shortage, when computer demand was at an unprecedented peak. Since then, Master PC Builder has met every challenge with passionate expertise and has become "Your home for everything PC."

"In the industry, we are known as System Integrators(SI's) who design solutions using various components and technologies. We build a range of computers, from gaming rigs for personal use to workstations used in production environments. Our range and success come from our diverse team of **STEM Advantage alumni**, including **Joshua Chavez** (Founder), **Lydia Yang** (Developer & Hardware Assembly), **Brenden Smith** (Senior Developer), and **Miguel Echeverria** (Outreach Coordinator & Hardware Assembly). Thanks to their hard work and unique contributions, Master PC Builder is entering a new year of accomplishments.

Master PC Builder (<https://masterpcbuilds.com>) is entering its 4th year of operation. To celebrate our success, we are hosting a CPU giveaway on our Instagram. Recently, we launched the 2.0 version of our website, which features the first lineup of tiered computers. We've also entered into partnerships with Corsair and Kingston, who will be featuring our PCs on their social media. In a few months, Master PC Builder will be attending CES 2025 alongside industry giants. As for the future, we will continue growing and achieving more milestones."

Congratulations Joshua, Lydia, Brenden, and Miguel. Wishing you all the best!

Invest in STEM Talent

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 empowering economic and social mobility, while providing a vetted pipeline of diverse talent to businesses to fill their workforce needs.

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