



May 2025 Newsletter

Scholars Celebrate a Huge Milestone

Over 100 Scholars earned a bachelor's degree with a STEM major this month and are launching their careers at exciting companies, including Aerospace Corporation, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Capital Group, Lockheed Martin, Microsoft, Northrop Grumman, Reddit, SAP, and The Trade Desk. Plus, a few are starting graduate school. Congratulations graduates! We will share graduation photos in June.

Amazon Web Services (AWS) GenAI & PartyRock Workshop

Amazon Web Services (AWS) Women in CSM (Customer Solutions Management) hosted an amazing GenAI & PartyRock workshop experience for STEM Advantage Scholars! We appreciated the collaborative teams and solutions focus as students learned Amazon's Working Backwards methodology, delivered through cutting-edge PartyRock and NOVA AI solutions. We loved seeing how quickly the teams ideated and created innovative solutions with compelling presentations and demos that highlighted creativity, technical skills, and business impact.

"This event was incredibly helpful in showcasing the impact of collaboration within a team to build a solution that will help customers and meet their needs."

"As an engineering major, I found this experience so valuable because it introduced me to concepts and tools that I wouldn't have learned in the classroom. Also, it adds diversity and depth to my resume."

Thank you to the AWS Dream Team that sponsored and designed the workshop and mentored our Scholars - Blake Chism, Brigitte Bucke, Hilda Noll, BK Chaurasiya, Samah Louis, Rachel Kelley, Ishita Vedvyas, Saikat Gomes, Vandana Tewani, and Dominique Greene. We appreciate YOU for making a difference and continuing to support our Scholars through hands-on learning experiences and bi-weekly office hours this summer to build additional solutions to add to their portfolios



Google Career Panel & Tour

Scholars participated in small group, interactive discussions with Google professionals about career pathways, skills development, and navigating opportunities in the tech industry. Plus, they heard from a panel of Googlers, who provided insights into the diverse roles available at Google and the skills they require. Also, they enjoyed a guided tour of Google's cool new Playa Vista campus at the Spruce Goose hangar.

Thank you to Kevin McKenzie and an amazing panel who provided an inside look at one of the world's leading tech companies. An incredible opportunity for our Scholars to learn, connect, and explore possibilities!



Interested in Being a Mentor?

We are currently in the exciting final stages of welcoming our new cohort of STEM Advantage Scholars for the upcoming academic year. We pair each Scholar with a mentor, who is a STEM professional. If you or someone on your team would like to be a mentor, please complete this short form <https://forms.office.com/r/bsqpnLthi5>. Once submitted, we'll provide more detailed information about the program, expectations, and preparation materials as we get closer to the start of the academic year. For questions, please contact Tania at tania@stemadvantage.org

"My mentor has provided invaluable guidance in navigating career opportunities and technical skills development. They have shared insights on industry best practices, helped me refine my problem-solving approach, and provided constructive feedback on my professional goals. Their support has given me a clearer sense of direction in my career path, while also encouraging personal growth through continuous learning."



Internships & Entry-Level Jobs

Aerospace Corporation, Atlassian, Amazon Web Services, Capital Group, Meta, Microsoft, Northrop Grumman, Reddit, Salesforce, The Trade Desk, & USAA

What do these companies have in common?

These are just a few of the amazing companies where our Scholars have secured summer internships and entry-level jobs! If your company offers paid internships and entry level roles, we have vetted skilled talent ready to make a valued contribution to your team. Please contact Jasmyrn at jasmyn@stemadvantage.org to discuss your hiring needs. *Thank you!*



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**13TH ANNUAL STEM
ADVANTAGE GALA**

Thursday evening, September 4th

@ The California Club in Los Angeles

Please join us for an inspiring evening celebrating the power of opportunity and STEM!

For **Sponsorship Opportunities**, please contact Lee Ann Kline at 949.322.3320 or leeann@stemadvantage.org

We also need Auction Items!

If you would like donate an item for our online and live auctions, please contact Cindy McKenzie at cindy@stemadvantage.org. A few ideas...

- Vacation homes or time shares for a 3 to 7 day stay
- Tickets or Box Seats for sporting events, concerts, plays or musicals, the Hollywood Bowl, etc.
- Experiences, e.g., studio tours, theme parks
- Wine tastings
- Cooking lessons
- Golf lessons/experiences, e.g., playing with a celebrity or pro
- Electronics such as a laptop, MAC, iPad, Apple AirPods
- Sports memorabilia
- Gift baskets, e.g., wine, cooking, pamper yourself, pamper your pet



Alumni "Pay It Forward"

STEM Advantage alumni Abigail Garcia, Beatriz Ruiz, Sherelene De Belen, Maria Medina, and Bonnie Brooks shared their experiences, challenges, and advice with high school students at International Studies Learning Center (ISLC) at Legacy Complex in South Gate. We appreciated Isabella, Daira, and Arlett reaching out and asking us to coordinate a panel for their high school project focused on "Women in STEM," an issue that's important to them and many of us.



Invest in STEM Talent

Talent is equally distributed, but opportunity is not. STEM Advantage Scholars have the talent, grit, and ambition to succeed -- they just need someone to open the door. Your investment and generosity can provide internships and vital career-building experiences, mentors, scholarships, and community for first-generation, low-income, and underserved students. Together, we can unlock potential and change lives. Join us in creating opportunities for those who need it most. We appreciate your support.

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