



## September 2025 Newsletter

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### Seeking Internships & Entry-Level Jobs

*What do these companies have in common?*



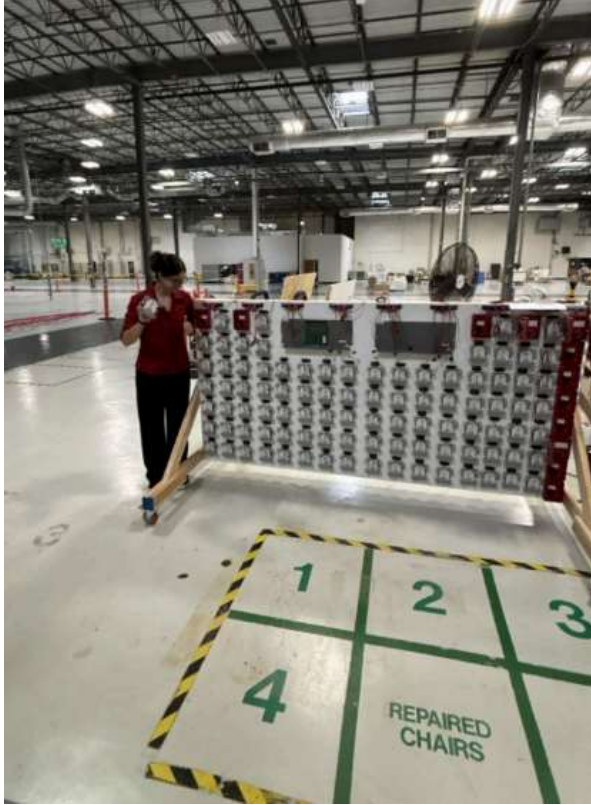
These are just a few of the amazing companies where our Scholars have secured summer internships and entry-level jobs!

If your company - or someone you know - offers paid internships and/or entry level roles, we have vetted skilled talent ready to make a valued contribution to your team.

Please contact Jasmyn at [jasmyn@stemadvantage.org](mailto:jasmyn@stemadvantage.org) to discuss your hiring needs. *Thank you!*

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Sharing a few photos from summer internships...



"This summer, I completed my first internship as the only Certification Engineer Intern at Honeywell in St. Charles, IL! I worked with Quality Management Systems and ISO 17025 standards, collaborated across teams, and learned a ton about taking initiative in a new environment. It was an amazing experience that helped me grow both professionally and personally."

- Sophia is earning a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering at Cal State San Marcos



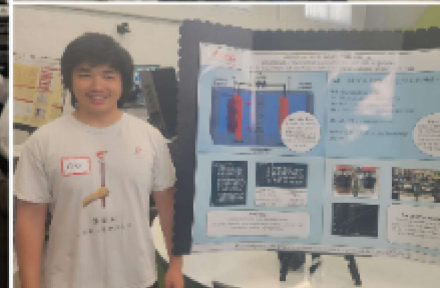
"I wrapped up my pre-intern experience with Ingram Micro, and I couldn't be more grateful for everything I learned during my time there!"

Over 6 weeks, I worked with a team of pre-interns on ways to improve the XVantage platform for long-time customers and business partners.

Some highlights of the summer:

- 💡 Discussed customer trends with product and engineering teams to uncover friction points in online quote and order processes
- 🎨 Built Figma mockups + demo-ed 4 new features (including an AI chatbot!) aimed at boosting quote-to-order conversion rates and marketplace retention
- 💛 Collaborated with a senior product leader on the quoting team to bring some of our features to life on production!."

- Madeline is earning a bachelor's degree in Computer Science at Cal State Fullerton



"I had the phenomenal opportunity of researching at Dr. Christy Dykstra's Bioelectrochemical Lab this summer, collaborating with Nataly and Nicholas. Together, we developed a MATLAB simulation to model bio reactor processes involving an anode and cathode compartment.

Beyond creating a functional model, this experience was a journey of learning. From insightful one-on-one sessions with Dr. Dykstra to mini presentations with Nataly showcasing our research and communication skills, every moment was enriching. Working alongside Nicholas, an expert in simulation modeling, was a valuable learning opportunity. Above all, this opportunity allowed me to create lasting connections invaluable for my career progression. Plus, I had the honor of presenting to my peers and professors at SDSU!

- Alex is earning a bachelor's degree in Computer Science at San Diego State University

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Workforce of the Future Panel & Networking event**

**Thursday evening, November 13**

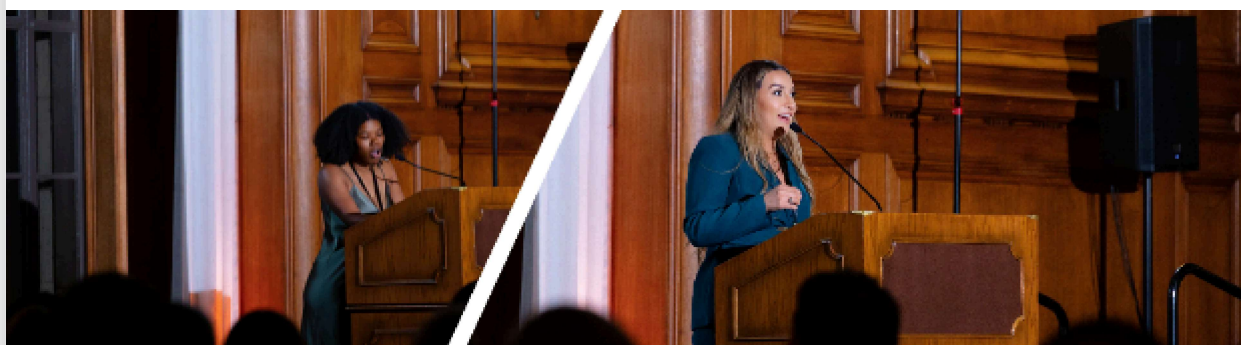
**@ Sony Pictures Studios**

Details coming soon...

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**Highlights from our Gala**





Thank you to everyone who joined us at The California Club Los Angeles on September 4th for an unforgettable evening! From the inspiring stories shared by our alumni Charles Bickham, Airrion Campbell, and Abigail Garcia, to the energy and generosity of our guests and emcee Frank Mottek, and the tireless efforts of our team behind the scenes, the night was a true celebration of possibility and purpose.

We are especially thankful to our generous sponsors, donors, mentors, and internship partners whose support makes our mission possible. Together, we are empowering the next generation of STEM leaders. Thank you!

Highlights and photos from our gala: <https://cloutal.com/xpd8hbn4aho0swkkc4wks>

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