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January 2026 Newsletter

The spring semester is underway, and our programming is back in full swing. As students return to campus and settle into their classes, our Scholars are already engaging in hands-on learning, industry exposure, and community-building experiences. Here's a look at what they've been up to.



Georg Fischer Tour and Panel

Georg Fischer hosted a group of STEM Advantage Scholars at their Irwindale facility for an event that included a site tour and panel discussion.

During the visit, Scholars learned about U-shaped cells, lean optimization, and how advanced manufacturing teams design efficient, scalable systems. The panel highlighted multiple career and internship pathways within the organization, helping students better understand how classroom concepts translate into real-world engineering and operations environments.



Shawmut Design and Construction Tour

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

STEM Advantage Scholars toured the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum with Shawmut Design and Construction getting an inside look to their latest project.

Students heard directly from Shawmut's team about how projects move from algorithms and planning models to physical structures, connecting academic learning to real-world execution.

The experience also included a behind-the-scenes look at the game-day locker room, historic Coliseum memorabilia, and a lunch and panel in the Presidential Suite.



Cal State LA Spring Welcome Back Celebration

Our team attended Cal State LA's Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology "Welcome Back" Celebration to mark the start of the spring semester.

This event provided an opportunity to meet new students and reconnect with current Scholars on campus. Jasmyn Masters-Culpepper and Beatriz Garcia represented STEM Advantage, sharing information about our programs and engaging with students as they begin the new term.



Welcome New Board Member: Jared Lynch

Jared is a proud STEM Advantage alumnus and Field/Office Engineer at Stacy Witbeck. His transition from STEM Advantage Scholar to Board Member represents the full-circle impact of our mission—supporting students as they move from education to career, and empowering them to return as leaders, mentors, and advocates for the next generation.

We're honored to have Jared's perspective, experience, and commitment shaping the future of STEM Advantage.

Seeking Internships & Entry-Level Jobs

What do these companies have in common?



They are just a few of the incredible organizations where STEM Advantage Scholars have secured summer internships and entry-level roles. Our Scholars bring strong technical skills, professionalism, and a readiness to contribute from day one.

If your company—or someone in your network—offers paid internships and/or entry-level opportunities, we would love to connect. We have vetted, motivated talent ready to make a meaningful contribution to teams across industries.

To discuss hiring needs or partnership opportunities, please contact **Jasmyn Masters-Culpepper** at jasmyn@stemadvantage.org.

Thank you for being part of the STEM Advantage community and for helping create pathways from education to meaningful careers.

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