

MISSION

To inspire the next generation of innovators and thought leaders by engaging them in exciting hands-on projects solving realworld problems to encourage entry into the talent pipeline, bolster self-confidence, and foster a well-rounded mastery of the areas of communication, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



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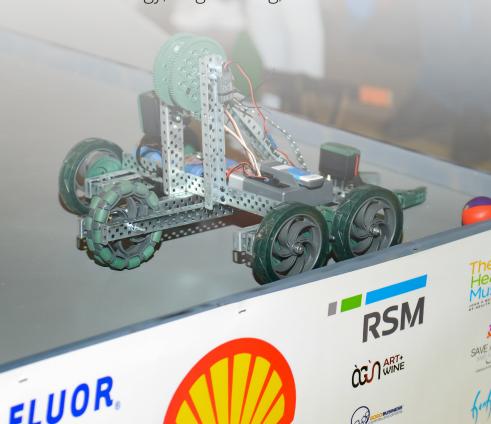


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



"The STEM gap is one of the clearest measures of the nation's opportunity gap."

Linda Rosen

On behalf of the students and teachers impacted by C-STEM programs, I invite you to review our annual report which highlights our community impact both near and far. The start of the 2017-2018 academic year was tough for many of our Houston area schools thanks to Hurricane Harvey. As an organization we have a proud history of being resilient and have continued in that tradition with C-STEM programs.

Through outstanding leadership and visionary support of the Executive Board, C-STEM has been rebranded and our service model has been redesigned to extend support to other STEM programs that share in this work. Together we are stronger, the rising tide is lifting all of our ships, and we are moving full speed ahead towards a greater purpose.

From our very humble beginnings of 20 students in a middle school, we have risen to the top tier of STEM education programs that are serving students from cradle to career. We have done so by maintaining high standards and remaining committed to thoughtfulness in practice with the delivery of our services. C-STEM has evolved into an organization that is more inclusive of other practitioners, engages higher education in research, and empowers STEM leaders to bring about the change they want to see in their schools,

communities, and families.

Even though we have grown into a service organization that is supporting STEM learning globally, we remain dedicated to closing academic achievement gaps. As we continue to grow and share our best practices with others, we will never forget our roots as one of America's top producers in providing minorities, females, and economically disadvantaged students access to STEM opportunities.

It is our honor to continue this work and we want you to know that we are committed to advocating for high quality and equitable C-STEM education for all students, particularly those who are underserved and underrepresented. In closing, I would like to thank each and everyone of our sponsors and donors who continue to make our work possible. Your commitment to C-STEM cannot be celebrated enough. We applaud all that you have done and continue to do!

Yours in the Journey of Education,



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear C-STEM Connectors and Friends,

As a board member for the last 6 years, I am constantly impressed with the way C-STEM connects. Back in 2012, when I first joined the Board I was amazed to see how C-STEM curriculum and hands on activities connected to the students of Houston at the National C-STEM Challenge. They rocked the robotics field arena at the George R. Brown Convention Center with their team chants, project presentations, enthusiasm and excitement about Communication, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics with a volume that was greater than the home team advantage at any sporting event in the world. As a Board Member, I was able to participate at one of our Teacher Training sessions and was blown away again by the innovative teaching strategies and the numbers of teachers longing for and loving the opportunity to teach STEM in a way that connects their students to the world around them. Now, as Board Chair, I am astounded by the strength of our connection to our corporate donors, grant providers, and everyday contributors who realize our value in creating "A Passport to the World" for our youth. Through the support of our connections, C-STEM will continue to connect students to careers in STEM that can change the quality of life for so many of our young people.



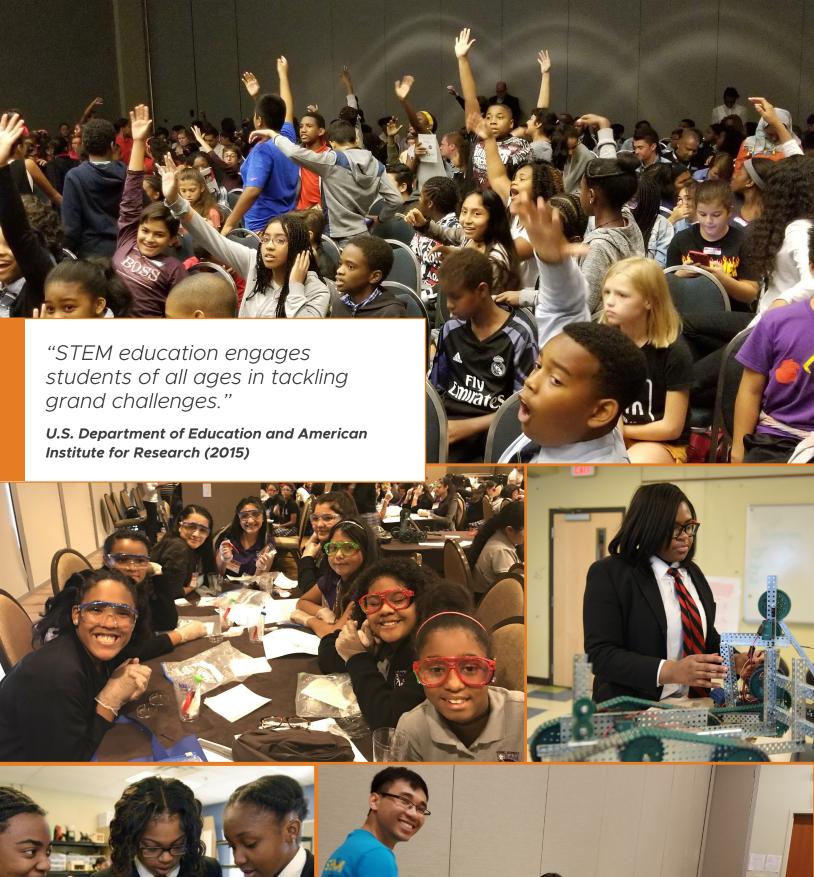
In 2017, it proved to be a year that tested our connections. Hurricane Harvey took a devastating toll on Houston, creating displaced families, destroyed homes, and closing schools. The focus for schools, corporations, and families turned to the rebuilding efforts, seeking to provide safety and comfort in the wake of the devastation. As the water receded, schools reopened and people returned to their homes, we learned that we are "Houston Strong". Houstonians connected to each other, neighbors helping neighbors to get back up, survive, and thrive. Our C-STEM connections proved to be Strong to. Our da Vinci Boosters, Corporate partners, and especially everyday Houstonians stepped up to fill the gaps and ensure that the life changing opportunities that C-STEM has to offer continue to be available to our Nation's youth.

So, I invite you to stay connected with C-STEM and to help C-STEM go viral! Share our success, be part of our success, and ensure our success. Our Nation's future will be measured by our collective impact.

Sincerely,

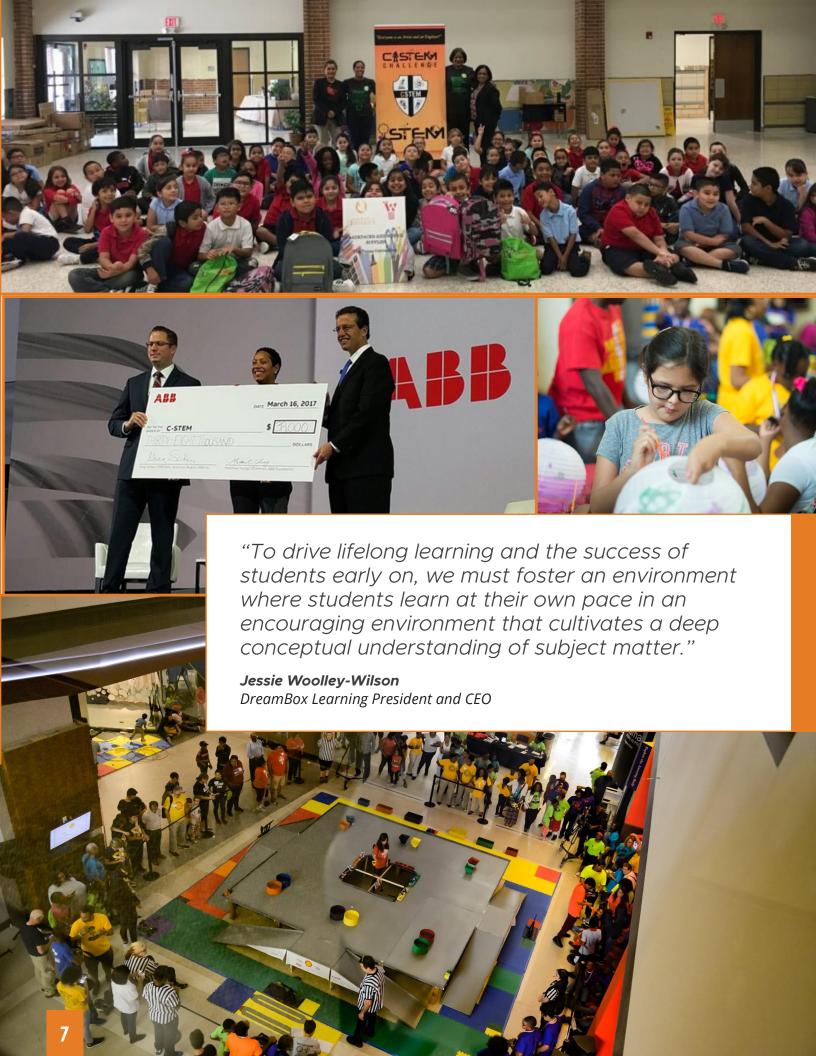
Ahmad Shaheed

C-STEM Board Chairman











C-STEM BY THE NUMBERS

2002-2017 C-STEM CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS



Grade teams

>260K

AN INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY IMPACT

> on teacher and student achievement

2017 DATA POINTS



31 Pre K-12th **Grade Schools** National

Approximately 88,600 Additional Hours of C-STEM focused Learning

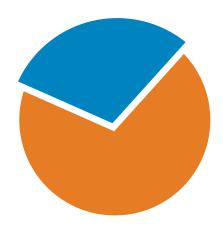


Approximately 2,400 hours support hours

Equivalent to more than 13,343 additional school days of schooling!



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



Females (57.1%)

Males (42.9%)

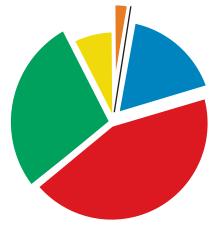


SCHOOL LEVEL PARTICIPATION



High (37%)

PARTICIPATION BY ETHNICITY



African American (43.75%)

Latino (28.50%)

Asian (16.15%)

White (8%)

Native American (3%)

2 or more races (0.65%)

GROWING OUR FOOTPRINT

5,236 FOLLOWERS

135,127 TWEET IMPRESSIONS





1,200 FOLLOWERS

84,500 IMPRESSIONS



MEDIA: AUDIENCE OVER 1 MILLION















HOUSTONCHRONICLE





CSTEM.ORG

REACH: TOP STATES

CSTEMBreak

2,419Users

12,266Pageviews

80.90%



25,631 Pageviews	3,029 Members
1,380 Users	1,054 Blog Posts
76.50% New Visitors	6,967 Shared Photos
23.50% Returning Visitors	250 Shared Videos
46 Groups	765 Downloads



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FEATURED GUESTS



YOUTH COMMISSION

The C-STEM National Youth Commission had a day-long retreat on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The students advocated on the importance of STEM, and pushed their 2017 agenda forward. They created a petition for policy makers asking for a Common STEM definition to be used universally. Their petition received over 100 signatures. We're excited for these future leaders!



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STEMING THE TIDE SCHOLARS

Thanks to Comerica Bank, C-STEM was able to award scholarships to students attending the following universities:

















Massachusetts Institute of Technology



INTERNS

Our internship program continues to provide real-world work experiences for talented college and university students. The 2017 C-STEM interns lent their experience in the following areas: *Public Relations, Graphic Design, Public Administration, Sales and Marketing, Engineering, Accounting, Communications, Research and Technical Writing, Information Technology and Project Management.*



Massachuset Institute of Technology

























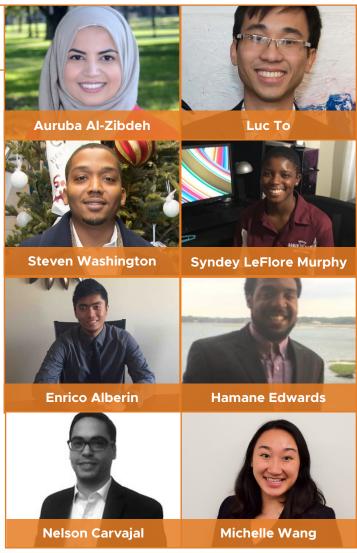












EXTENDED COMMUNITY IMPACT

Betsy Ross Elementary - Mural winners

ABB + C-STEM Partnership continues

CBC 2017 STEM Brainstrust hosted by Congressman E.B. Johnson

C-STEM + A1 Shred Day

Shredding, Inc.



C-STEM in Detroit, MI - Future scientists



C-STEM and RushCard - DEPSA



C-STEM Pop-up camp @ The Health Museum



C-STEM Day Camp Fun



Detroit Edison Public School Academy
- Physics Teacher

American Red Cross Luncheon



DEPSA prepping for C-STEM Challenge



Robotics Demo @ C-STEM Challenge



Women's Global Leadership Conference in Energy



Thank vou ABB & Michigan Science Center



USHCCC Girls STEM Workshop Sponsored by API







STEM Teacher Leadership Summit at Howard University facilitated by the Smithsonian Science Education Center and sponsored by Shell







Super Bowl 51: Verizon Virtual Reality Experience





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"I love the fact that we're all in this together and have the same challenges and concerns. We shouldn't all be reinventing the wheel."

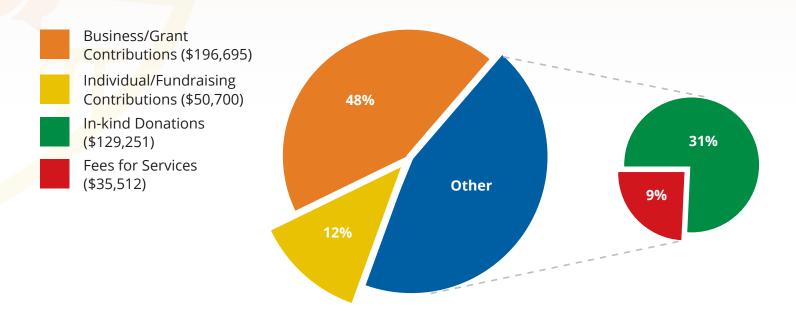
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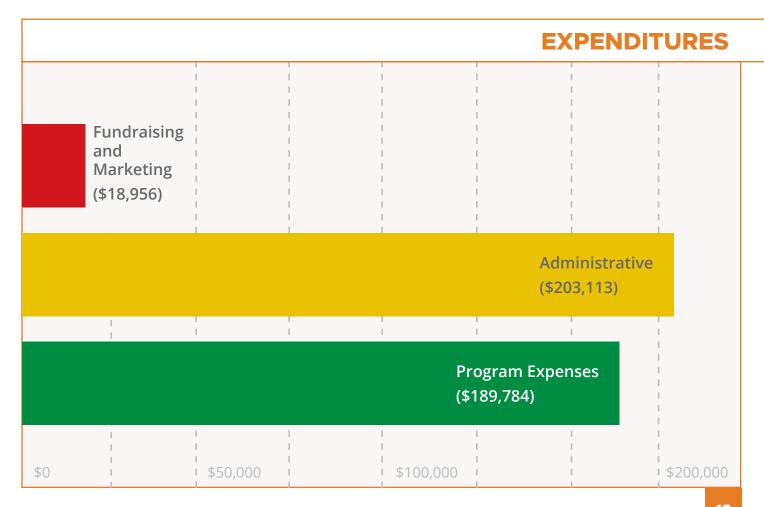
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