Students to compete in engineering, art at Cobo Center

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Kids will have a chance to test themselves in a wide range of creative thinking abilities at the C-STEM Midwest Competition at Cobo Center on Saturday.

The event involves students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade, who will compete in activities that include robotics, innovation, computer programming, art, filmmaking, and photography. It's hosted by C-STEM Teacher and Student Support Services, a nonprofit education group that looks to narrow an achievement gap in subjects like engineering and math.

"There is significant need for minorities and females to participate in STEM," said the group's founder and CEO, Dr. Reagan Flowers, in a news release. "C-STEM levels the playing field by removing obstacles that continually place minorities at a competitive disadvantage in pursuing STEM degrees and workforce opportunities."

Flowers added: "Exposure is an important ingredient to a child's success. Children cannot dream or become that which they are not aware of."

The competition runs from noon to 5:30 p.m. at Cobo Center.

More details can be found at the nonprofit group’s website.

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