



WELCOME

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# STEM SUMMIT 2019

Kauffman Foundation Conference Center  
Monday, Sept. 30, 2019

# Role of

KC

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## Champion

- Champion all things STEM!
- Understand the landscape...advocate.

## Communicate

- Communicate effectively – Increase STEM awareness

## Convene

- Convene partners around common interests & priority areas

## Connect

- Connect partners with resources &
- Connect learners with opportunities

## Collaborate

- Collaborate **everywhere** to leverage synergies

## Celebrate

- Celebrate best practices and successes!

# KC STEM Summit 2018

Introduce STEM Learning Ecosystem

Invitation to connect & collaborate!

- STEM Connect-KC

**Networking Time**

Highlight ecosystem initiatives





# STEM Connect-KC Workshop - January

- Update on STEM Connect-KC
- Populating the calendar
- #SummerofSTEM
- Joint branding campaign & tools
- CACI Project – KC Public Library



# KC STEM Summit 2019

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Welcome

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Ecosystem Updates

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STEM Connect-KC Update

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Real World Learning Initiative & Conversation

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Pop-up Partnering Networking Break

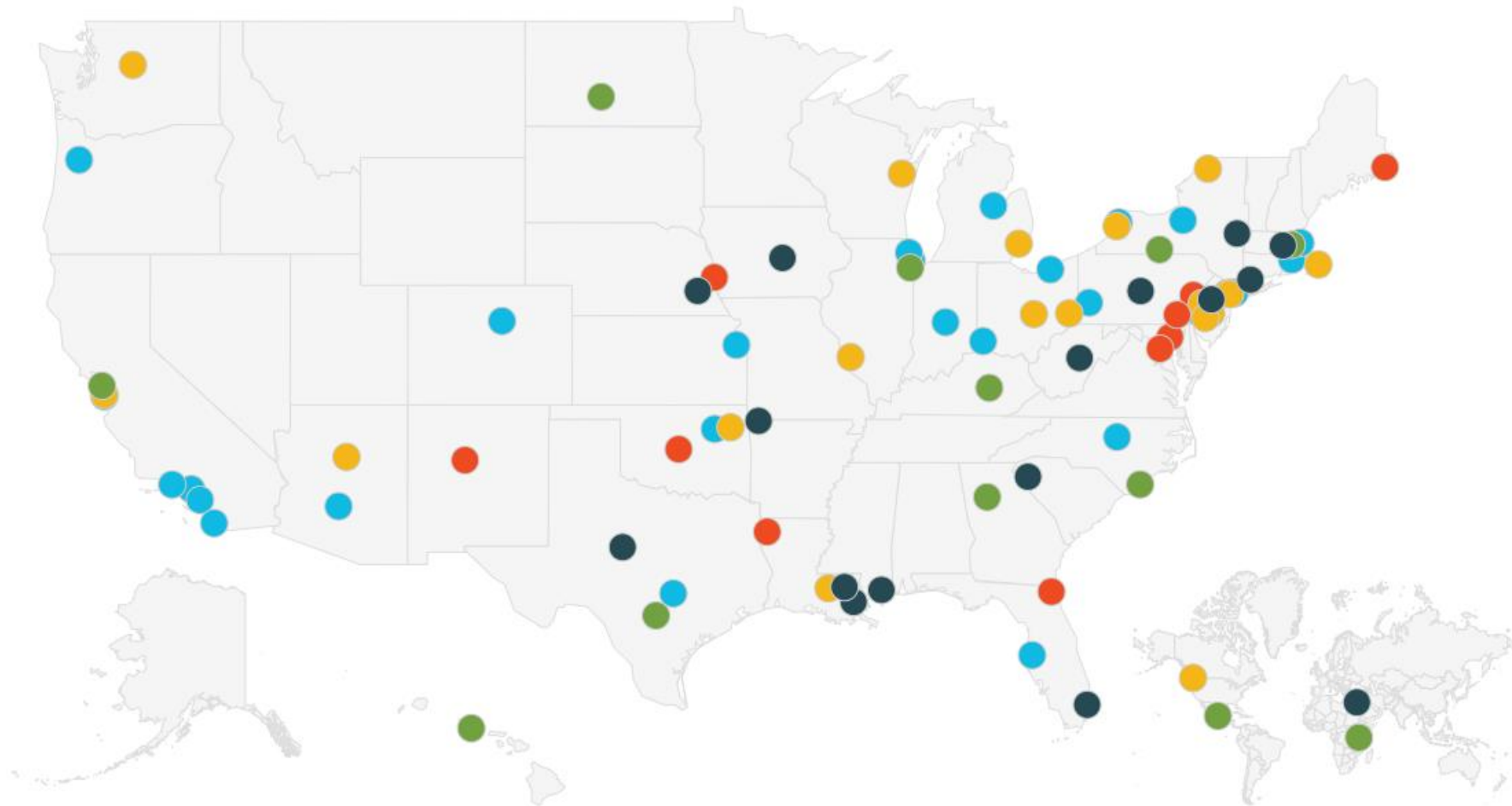
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**Table Conversation – Connected Learning & “What’s Next?”**

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Ways to Connect

# Participating STEM Learning Ecosystems – 84 communities



● Cohort 1 ● Cohort 2 ● Cohort 3 ● Cohort 4 ● Cohort 5

## Charting a Course for Success: America's Strategy for STEM Education (5 Year Strategic Plan)

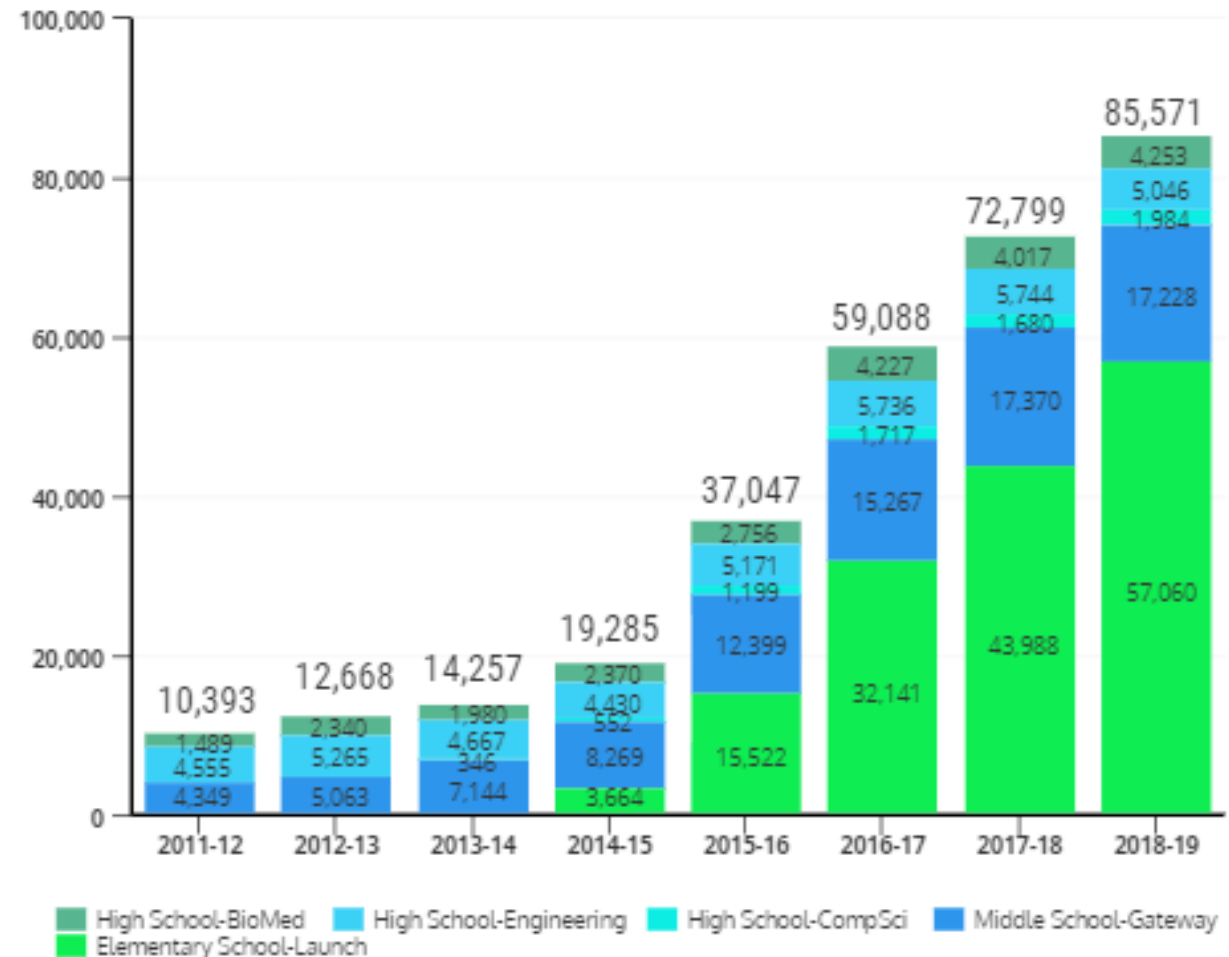
- STEM Ecosystems website: [www.stemecosystem.org](http://www.stemecosystem.org); Resources section - Policy (full copy of the report)
- Develop and Enrich Strategic Partnerships
  - Foster STEM Ecosystems that unite communities
  - Increase work-based learning and training through educator-employer partnerships
  - Blend successful practices across the learning landscape

GOALS FOR AMERICAN STEM EDUCATION																
★ Build Strong Foundations for STEM Literacy ★ ★ Increase Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEM ★ ★ Prepare the STEM Workforce for the Future ★																
Pathways	Objectives	DOC	DoD	DOE	DHS	DOI	DOL	DOS	DOT	ED	EPA	HHS	NASA	NSF	SI	USDA
Develop and Enrich Strategic Partnerships	Foster STEM Ecosystems that Unite Communities	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Increase Work-Based Learning and Training through Educator-Employer Partnerships	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Blend Successful Practices from Across the Learning Landscape	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●			●	●	●
Engage Students where Disciplines Converge	Advance Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education	●	●	●				●		●	●	●		●		●
	Make Mathematics a Magnet	●	●							●				●		●
	Encourage Transdisciplinary Learning	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Build Computational Literacy	Promote Digital Literacy and Cyber Safety	●	●		●			●		●		●		●		●
	Make Computational Thinking An Integral Element of All Education	●	●	●	●	●				●		●		●	●	●
	Expand Digital Platforms for Teaching and Learning	●		●	●			●		●				●	●	●



- Large growth in PLTW Launch (elementary program)
- 161 schools in KC Metro
- Flexible educator training
- Modules can be done in a variety of settings
- PLTW.org for info

## KC Metro Region PLTW Student Enrollment Growth







## A Labor Analysis of Skilled Trades Industries and Occupations in Greater Kansas City

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL  
JANUARY 2019

# KC Rising Talent to Industry Exchange

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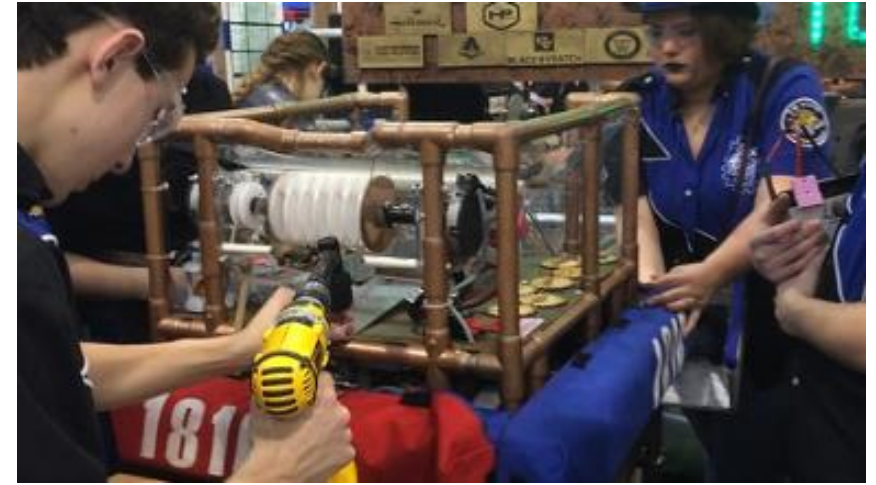
- KCrising.com (People Strategy)
- 3 TIES
  - Global Design
  - Life Sciences
  - **NEW – Skilled Trades**
- Challenges – Skilled Trades
  - Growing demand for jobs in the trades
  - Negative Perception
  - Lack of Exposure



# Skilled Trades TIE - Recommendations

- Increase awareness and experiences
  - K-12 pipelines – PLTW Engineering Pathway
- High School Trade Programs
- Out of School Programs

*“There are numerous out-of-school opportunities to strengthen the talent pipeline for the trades, including YMCA programs that incorporate STEM experiences, 4-H Clubs, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, library programs, community-based maker spaces, the Academic Camp for Enrichment, National Institute of Construction Excellence and National Association for Women in Construction.”*





# STEM Connect-KC

Create a central resource  
for the Kansas City region  
to explore and discover  
STEM programs and  
opportunities.



# STEM Connect-KC



## WHO

Searchable  
directory of STEM  
program providers  
in Kansas City  
region



## WHAT/ WHEN

Events, classes and  
other timebound  
opportunities  
(scholarships,  
competitions)



## WHY

E-newsletter  
Social media  
STEM stories

# STEM Connect-KC

Search below to find organizations that offer STEM programming or support STEM education and workforce development in Greater Kansas City. Use the calendar to search for specific events, camps and activities.

If you are a STEM program provider, [fill out this form](#) to add your information to the directory.

SEARCH EVENT CALENDAR

STEM CONNECT-KC FAQ

## Organizations

Showing 1 to 10 of 74 organizations.

### Acellus – International Academy Of Science

KANSAS CITY, MO 64153

The International Academy of Science is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizati...

**Audience Served** Educators

**Focus Areas** Coding/Programming, Computer Science, Engineering, General Science, Robotics



### American Royal

KANSAS CITY, MO 64102

As an organization dedicated to youth and education, the American Roy...



## Filter by

Opportunities Offered

All

Focus Areas

All

Audience Served

All

APPLY

RESET



# Events for October 2019

EVENTS IN

2019-10

SEARCH

Keyword

NEAR

Location

FIND EVENTS

VIEW AS



Month



NARROW YOUR RESULTS

Collapse Filters Reset Filters

Event Category ▾

Audience ▾

STEM Focus ▾

Venues ▾

City ▾

State/Province ▾

« September

November »

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	1	2	3 Kid STEAM: Stop Motion Animation   Boardwalk Library UMKC School Of Computing & Engineering Open House	4	5 Block Kids Building Competi Science City's ScienceWise   Engineering Design Challenges <a href="#">View All 5 Events »</a>	6 Science City's Educator STEM Fest
7	8 Black & Veatch Explorer Post: Mechanical Engineering	9	10	11	12 Science City's ScienceWise   Spheros At The Station	13

## STEM Connect-KC Calendar



Try these STEM exploration  
ideas



How to plan a  
#SummerofSTEM



Especially for Educators

## STEM Connect-KC

[FAQ](#)

[FIND STEM  
PROGRAM  
PROVIDERS](#)

[SUBMIT EVENT](#)

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# STEM Connect-KC by the Numbers

- 21,000 active users
- 63,000 page views
- Average 4 pages per session
- Top 3 pages
  - **#1 Summer Camps**
  - #2 Events Calendar
  - #3 Directory





# STEM Connect-KC by the Numbers

- 239 summer camps
- 31 day-camps
- 10 fairs and festivals
- 160 youth programs
- 86 drop-in activities
- 31 competitions & showcases
- 24 opportunities especially for girls

46 Professional Development Sessions  
30 Talks/Lectures



KANSAS CITY  
**WOMEN**  
IN TECHNOLOGY



National Inventors  
Hall of Fame

**MUSEUM** at  
**PRAIRIEFIRE**

 **BURNS  
MCDONNELL** SM



**BLACK & VEATCH**



KANSAS CITY  
**SCIENCE  
CITY**

- 77 organizations
- 144 organizers have listed events

STEM Connect-KC  
by the Numbers



# STEM Connect KC Monthly E-newsletter

Document and celebrate  
successes

Highlight innovative  
approaches

Share best practices

Amplify stories YOU want to  
tell

Help identify and tell the  
stories that too often don't  
get told



# Real World Learning Initiative

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**KAUFFMAN**  
FOUNDATION



Laura Evans  
Business & Education  
Advisor in Residence



# Pop-up Partnering – Networking Edition

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- Write on back of business card
  - Resource, strength or best practice
  - i.e. Mentor connections, connection to youth, program expertise, youth development, resource connection, teacher professional development, etc.
- Network and share your strength
- Place one card in the KC STEM basket on the stage
- We will share the list!





# CACI Project

Kansas City Public Library

## THE QUESTION

“How can we support young people in discovering and accessing learning opportunities across the city?”

# How can we help build connections?

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## *The Learning & Design Principles of Connected Learning*

*by  
Connected  
Learning  
Alliance*





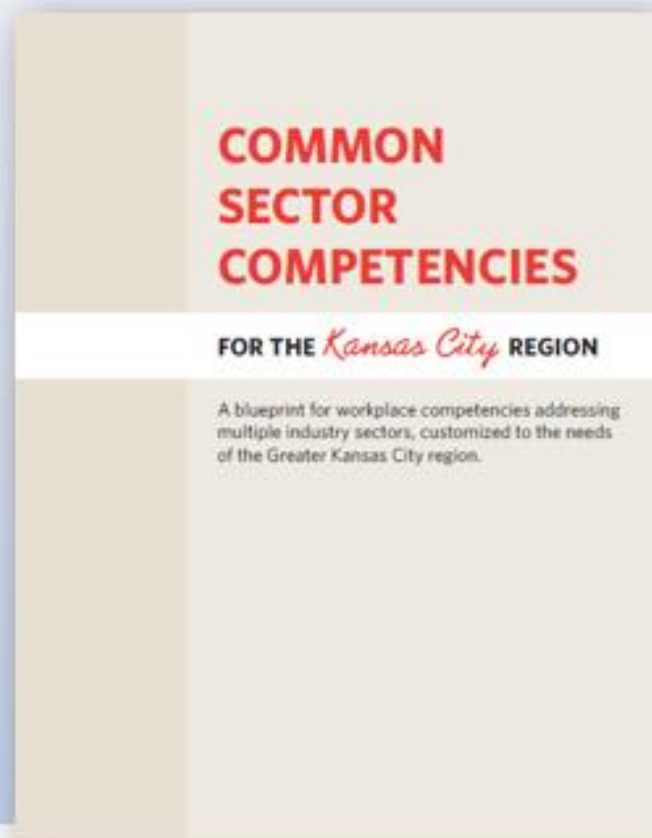
# Table Conversation – “What’s Next?”

Our goal is to help young people connect with more interest-driven STEM experiences that can open pathways and opportunities.

- What is the best approach or format to help students find “What’s Next” and help them move along the continuum?
- (Explore – Engage – Immerse)
- What does that look like for different age groups?
  - Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Middle School – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades
  - High School – 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades



# Balance Between Technical Skills & Core Competencies



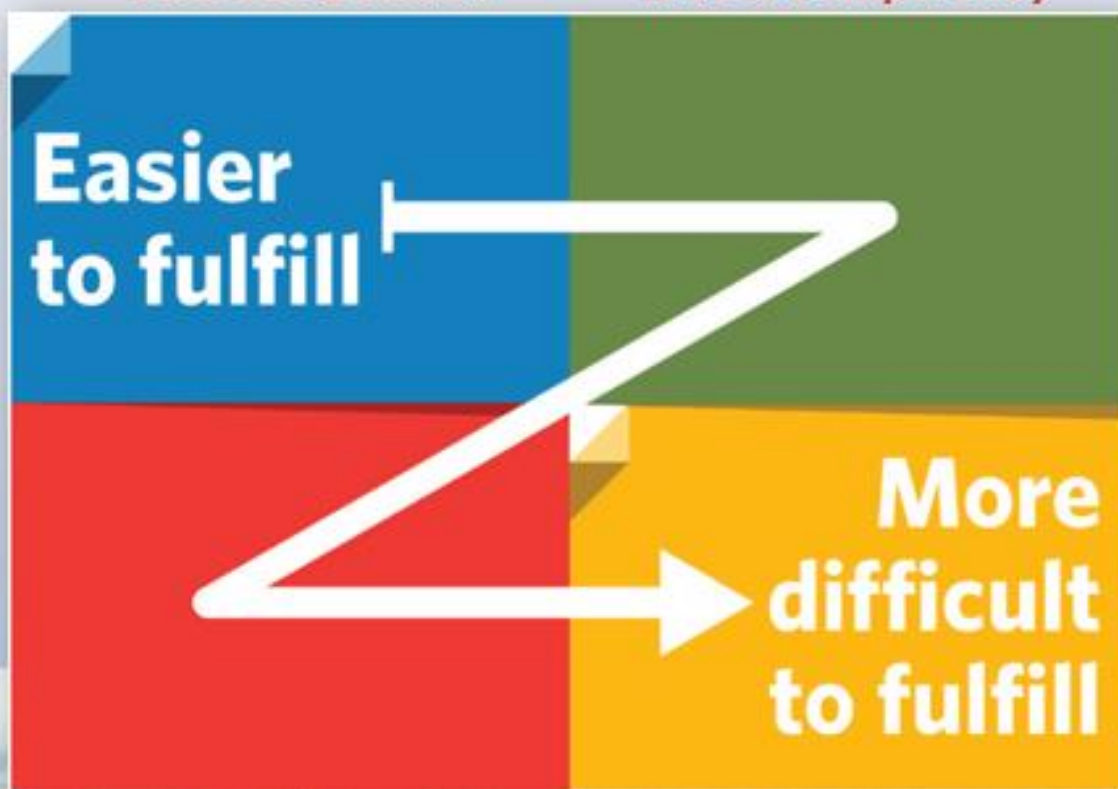
Price of admission

Competitive edge

## *Common Sector Competencies*

Fundamental:  
core competency

Advanced:  
leader competency



**RISING**

# Young Professionals Survey – Essential Skills

- Young professionals (1-5 years on the job)
- Focus Groups – What skills were most important when you started your first job?
- Identified 6 Essential Skills





# Young Professionals Survey – Essential Skills

- Online survey – 600+ respondents across all sectors
- How important was each skill?
- Were you prepared?
- What experiences helped you learn each skill?
  - College (in school/out-of-school/job)
  - High school (in school/out-of-school/job)



Results: November 2019



# Task Force: School STEM Nights

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- Question: How can ecosystem partners support School STEM Nights?
- Initial brainstorming session – Summer 2019
- Next step: Survey of School Districts/Schools (Oct. 2019)
  - Who is doing STEM Nights?
  - What are barriers?
  - What help/resources do they need?
- Next meeting: Nov. 4, 2019

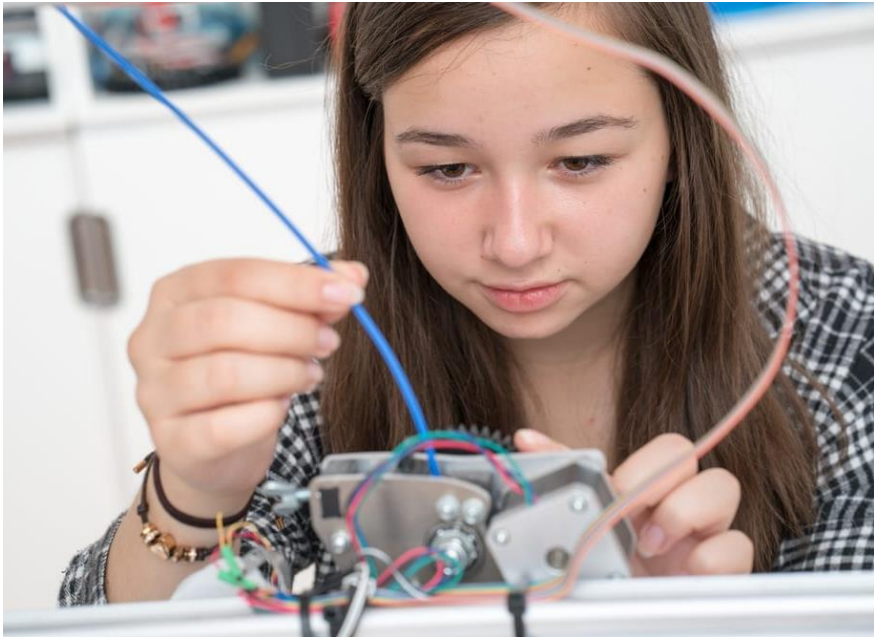


EVENT FOR  
2018!



## Task Force: STEM Exploration Days

- Build on STEM Connect-KC Platform
- Coordinated week of STEM/STEAM Activities
- Broad geographic area
- FREE admission (increase access!)
- Umbrella marketing campaign
- Potential pilot in Summer 2020
- Task Force Meeting: Nov. 4, 2019



# Computer Science & Technology Education Landscape Analysis

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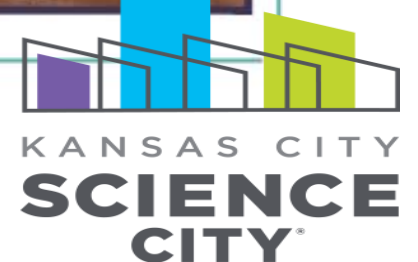
Let us know about your programs!



# EDUCATOR STEM FEST



**Sunday, October 6**  
**12pm - 3pm**







National Inventors  
Hall of Fame®



# INNOVATION DAY

- Educator Professional Development Day
- Hosted by Inventor's Hall of Fame
- Nov. 2, 2019
- Guadalupe Centers High School
- FREE
- Contact: Laura Liebman,  
[lliebman@invent.org](mailto:lliebman@invent.org)





# NEXTECH KC

EXPERIENCE THE FUTURE OF  
TECHNOLOGY AND GAMING

## NOVEMBER 8-10

48+ HR BYOC LAN w/ Public Hours:

**FRIDAY NOV 8**

5 p.m - 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY NOV 9**

10 a.m - 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY NOV 10**

10 a.m - 5 p.m.

[Full Schedule](#)

## FUTURE TECH AND ESPORTS EXPO

NEXTECH KC is Kansas City's inaugural Tech Expo featuring emerging and future technologies; virtual reality, artificial intelligence, robotics, computers and Esports are among the features presented for all ages. Programs for students, as well as, the general



# Computer Science Education Week

December 9–13, 2019







THANK YOU!

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