

STEM Connections

Spring 2013

STEMulating in the Community!

- Learn how to hire experienced students from the Laser Photonics Magnet Program
- Central Florida Higher Education Alliance will be hosting a Fall Education Fair in Central Florida Research Park
- Google Grant to fund new AP STEM courses in Orange County

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Message from the Chair

Hello STEMulators!

I am thrilled to introduce the first newsletter of the Central Florida STEM Education Council. We view this newsletter as a communication piece for you, our community. It will serve as a connection between ideas and events that are abundant in Central Florida. The tide is changing for STEM, as it is moving forward to become a household term. The passion of all of you is coming forth and expanding the knowledge, opportunities and experiences related to this all important education initiative.

We are in a unique time in our economic history when we're seeing the final curtain call for the Industrial Age as we usher in a new era of the Information and Technological Age. Look all around and you'll see incredible advances in engineering and technology; from our households to business offices to manufacturing. But, our workforce skills have not kept up with our advancements and industries, small and large, are looking to other parts of the world to recruit employee talent. We cannot let that happen, as it is our duty to provide opportunities for our own children.

Let's get connected! Use this newsletter to share knowledge and resources that will support our educators, engage our parents and, ultimately, **INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS!** STEM is the path to our future... right now! Have a STEMulating Day!



- Bill Duerden, CFSEC Chair

Member News

- **YMCA of Central Florida** will be offering several Specialty Summer Academies featuring Aviation, Robotics, or Science ([read more](#))
- **Orange County Library System** offers STEM related Summer Camps ([read more](#))
- **Boy Scouts of America** will be introducing new STEM Merit Badges ([read more](#))
- **UCF Camp Connect** demonstrates how engineers connect, communicate and improve the world to underrepresented students going into the 8th to 10th grades ([read more](#))

Join the Council!

Member Application can be found at

www.myawesomefloridacareer.com

Save the Date!

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 ([click here for more information](#))

