



News from the Connecticut Science Center

STEM Career Connections is presented by The Hartford and Cognizant U.S. Foundation with founding support by the Mandell-Braunstein Family

Connecting the Dots: STEM Career Connections

What does the future hold for humanity and the world around us? This question can only be answered by a broad, diverse pool of STEM job candidates, and Connecticut companies are searching for their next generation of leaders, innovators, thinkers, and workers today. Here at the Connecticut Science Center, we are acutely aware that the children who walk through our doors today are the STEM workforce of tomorrow, and it is our responsibility to illuminate the wide breadth of STEM job possibilities available to them, right here in our state.

A recently launched, robust STEM Career Connections initiative at the Connecticut Science Center is our answer to Connecticut's STEM workforce pipeline challenge and introduces children and families to their potential futures. We are connecting the dots between the exhibits and programs we deliver and inspiring career-related information. By collaborating with companies and industry leaders across the state, we are highlighting the needs and possibilities most relevant to Connecticut's employers. From designing the world's fastest and safest jet engines to groundbreaking biomedical advancements and more, we reveal STEM Career Connections and allow visitors to see themselves in these critical roles.

Here at the Connecticut Science Center, building a better future is crucial to our mission and to our community. We strive to inspire tomorrow's leaders to take advantage of Connecticut's vast landscape of opportunities, and apply their passion for STEM to a rewarding career. ■



The Connecticut Science Center inspires lifelong learning through interactive and innovative experiences that explore our changing world through science.

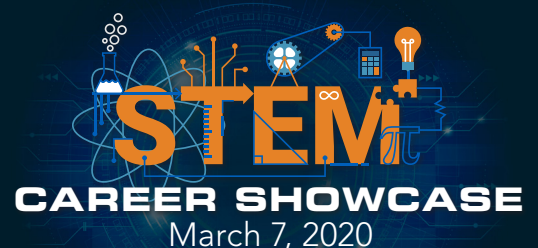
UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:



Exploring Matter Week
December 10-December 13



DEC 30, JAN 20, FEB 17 & 18





Joyce and Andy Mandell

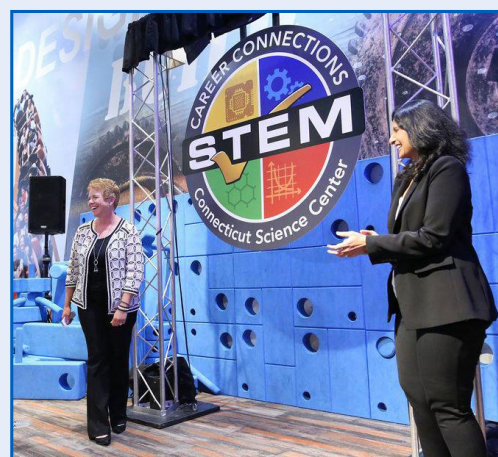
Mandell-Braunstein Family Makes Their Mark on STEM Education and Careers in Connecticut

Supporters of organizations throughout Hartford, the Mandell-Braunstein Family recently made a \$1 million gift for the Connecticut Science Center's STEM Career Connections initiative. The generosity of Joyce and Andy Mandell, along with their children and their families, have proven instrumental once again in funding a strategic priority of our work. In 2013, they also provided the cornerstone gift to create the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers at the Connecticut Science Center, providing capital to increase teacher training in Connecticut. This year alone, the STEM Career Connections program will reach more than 50,000 visitors onsite, and the Mandell Academy will train nearly 1,000 teachers. The impact of the Mandell-Braunstein Family's generosity is – and will continue to be – significant. ■

STEM Career Connections Forges New Corporate Partnerships

As business partners, The Hartford and Cognizant work together closely every day. As philanthropic partners, the two companies came together for the first time as Presenting Sponsors of the STEM Career Connections initiative. Both The Hartford and Cognizant have a stake in ensuring that the young talent of today becomes the skilled workforce of tomorrow, as their need for computer scientists, statisticians, data scientists, and more will continue for many years to come. "We've long said, 'You can't be what you can't see.' And today, the Connecticut Science Center is partnering with some of the region's top employers to help students across the state see their futures in STEM," according to Kristen Titus, Executive Director of the Cognizant U.S. Foundation. ■

Beth Mercier, SVP & CIO, Commercial Lines at The Hartford and Meera Krishnamurthy, Senior VP & Business Leader for Insurance at Cognizant unveil the new STEM Career Connections initiative at the Connecticut Science Center.



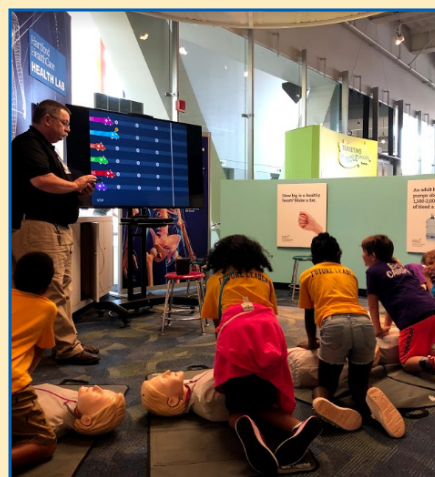
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STEM Career Showcases Connect Students to Connecticut Employers



Hartford HealthCare's CPR Race demonstrates the life-saving career training of emergency medical professionals

Innovation is deeply embedded in Connecticut's history, and the State continues this tradition with a rich ecosystem of exciting STEM industries. STEM Career Showcases at the Connecticut Science Center provide direct access to these businesses and their employees. This exciting, hands-on look into the world of STEM careers allows students and families "try on" various STEM identities by engaging with real professionals. Colleges and trade schools are also onsite during the showcases to demonstrate the steps to make these careers a reality. Eighteen organizations have participated thus far including The Hartford, Cognizant, Hartford HealthCare, Pfizer, ESPN, Tunxis Community College, and the Connecticut Department of Labor. If you or your company are interested in joining a future STEM Career Showcase, please contact Kelsey Ballard at kballard@ctsciencecenter.org. ■