

Meet the new Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Members

NGCP is excited to announce new members of its Youth Advisory Board. This year's YAB comprises 38 exceptional high school students from varied regions, backgrounds, and STEM interests, all committed to shaping the future of STEM education. We warmly welcome these brilliant minds and eagerly anticipate their feedback and contributions to NGCP initiatives and our ongoing mission to create STEM experiences as diverse as the world we live in. And when you check it out, you just may spot someone from Louisiana!

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Louisiana Girls Collaborative Project newsletter. This resource is provided as part of the partnership between the National Girls Collaborative Project and the SCILS Region 8 LaSTEM Center. Designed to support the SCILS statewide initiative of Girls in STEM, we are proud to provide resources each month that you and your network can utilize in promoting efforts that support girls engaging In STEM-related opportunities and activities.



Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 2PM - 3PM EST <u>Register Here</u>





THIS MONTH'S RESOURCES



IF/THEN COLLECTION

Looking for resources to help introduce young girls to STEM careers? Check out the IF/THEN Collection. More than 3,000 free assets are included!

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ENGINEER GIRL WRITING CONTEST Calling all aspiring writers! Dive

into the untold stories of the objects that grace your daily lives with EngineerGirls 2024 writing contest: "The Secret Life of Everyday Items."

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TECHBRIDGE GIRLS APPLICATIONS OPEN

Techbridge Girls is recruiting outof-school time (OST) educators to participate in STEM and equity training, curriculum, resources, and ongoing support. Applications are due January 19, 2024.

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OF OUR CHAMPIONS BOARD: Terysa Ridgeway



Terysa Ridgeway is a Sr. Technical Program Manager at Google and holds Computer Science and Mathematics degrees from Southern University and A&M College. She has extensive experience in solving complex business and technical problems as both a Software Engineer and a Program Manager; leading a number of initiatives in the Healthcare, Aerospace, and Aeronautics industries.

Terysa is widely recognized as an innovative leader in the public sector and has designed and implemented countless approaches using Agile Project Management techniques. In her current role she is leading teams to innovate and engage with Cloud partners, offering solutions that modernize workloads on world-class infrastructure.

Terysa is actively involved in educational programs, with a focus on STEM, that empower youth in her local community. She takes great pride in giving back as a STEM advocate and author of Think Like A Computer, a book to introduce children to the basics of Computer Science. In addition to Terysa's business contributions, her humanitarian efforts are equally as notable as she has received numerous accolades and has been recognized locally and internationally for her efforts.

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