

Announcing the 2024-2025 STEM Her Way Youth Outreach Board Leadership

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Louisiana Girls Collaborative Invited to the 8th Annual Texas Women and Girls in STEM Summit

2024 Texas Women and Girls in STEM Summit

Friday, December 6, 2024 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CT Summit Sessions (Virtual in Zoom)

The event is designed to share effective practices, connect organizations and individuals, and showcase outstanding efforts to increase the number of girls in STEM and support the retention of women in STEM careers. STEM professionals and all who are engaged in education, outreach, recruitment, and/or retention of women and girls in STEM are invited to join.

Find the agenda and session descriptions on the <u>Summit website</u>.

Registration fee: \$50. Provides full access to all virtual sessions, recordings, resources, and references.

- High school and college students may register at a discounted \$25 registration fee.
- Contact <u>STEM@TxGCP.org</u> to inquire about a registration full or partial scholarship.
- Contact <u>STEM@TxGCP.org</u> to inquire about group registration discounts.

Register now!

SCILS is housed in the SciTEC Division in the College of Education and Human Sciences at Louisiana Tech University We appreciate the examples you both set as women who value life-long learning, support peers and students, and encourage everyone to try something new and challenging...while having fun!

THIS MONTH'S RESOURCES

Thank you Cedar Creek School!

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WOMEN IN STEM: THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTORSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Mentoring has been shown to play a key role in skills development, career advancement, success and socioemotional support. Studies show a direct correlation between effective mentorship programs and improvements in participation and representation of women in STEM fields.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 12: HOLIDAY SWEATER NETWORKING

Grab your hot cocoa and your favorite winter or holiday sweater for this fun and festive collaboration networking event! Meet and exchange information with individuals who are interested in STEM equity through a combination of large group and breakout group activities.



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ADA LOVELACE DAY: 10 INSPIRING WOMEN IN STEM IN 2024

Ada Lovelace Day provides a fitting occasion to honor the contributions of women in STEM and encourage more girls and women to pursue careers in these fields. Lovelace, often regarded as the world's first computer programmer, continues to inspire future generations. As of 2024, women comprise about 28% of the global STEM workforce, with enrollment in STEM-related courses seeing a 15% increase since 2020.



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LOUISIANA GIRLS COLLABORATIVE SHINES AT 2024 LASTEM SUMMIT











The Louisiana Girls Collaborative presented a sparkling session at the 2024 LASTEM Summit held in Lafayette, Louisiana. Following an overview of the program by SCILS Region 8 LASTEM Center Director Cathi Cox-Boniol, high school students Melissa Le and Aashni Sha provided impressive remarks about the importance of supporting Girls in STEM and how they have been actively involved in the expansion of the Louisiana Girls Collaborative--Melissa with her "STEM to Bloom" initiative and Aashni with the creation of the "STEM Her Way" project. National Girls Collaborative Founder and CEO Karen Peterson also attended and offered her insight into the work being done as well as the commitment needed to move forward. Thanks to all who attended for creating such incredible energy and buzz around this statewide initiative while helping enhance momentum toward the future!