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See How FIRST is Bringing STEM Engagement to Underserved Youth

The FIRST® STEM Equity
Community Innovation Grant
initiative has identified
strategies to help any
community organization open
STEM pathways for students,
introducing them to STEM
ideas and engagement
activities that are not always
available in their homes and
schools.

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SCILS Statewide Initiative Gets a New Look

The SCILS Region 8 LASTEM
Center is proud to present its
statewide initiative with a new
look--the Louisiana STEM
Collaborative Project. This
reimagined project is an effort
to engage all underserved
young people in STEM
opportunities across the state.
Each month, SCILS will provide
resources for each region to
share with stakeholders as we
endeavor to provide a robust
STEM experience for all.

SCILS is housed in the SciTEC Division in the College of Education and Human Sciences at Louisiana Tech University

THIS MONTH'S RESOURCES



MARK CUBAN FOUNDATION AI BOOTCAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Mark Cuban Foundation AI Bootcamp is a free, twenty-hour introduction to Artificial Intelligence for high school students. Students who complete the program continue to receive mentorship and AI learning opportunities until graduation. Those interested must apply by September 30, 2025.

<u>APPLY</u>

CHECK OUT THE KID SPARK FOUNDATION

Kid Spark Education is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to help all children, especially those from underserved communities, to learn and love STEM. Kid Spark seeks to change this by providing consistent STEM education from pre-K to 8th grade, aiming for transformative change in formal and afterschool education. We aim to close the STEM opportunity gap by fostering early and continuous STEM learning, particularly in underserved communities.

MORE INFORMATION

THE LOUISIANA STEM COLLABORATIVE PROJECT IS PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL GIRLS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT



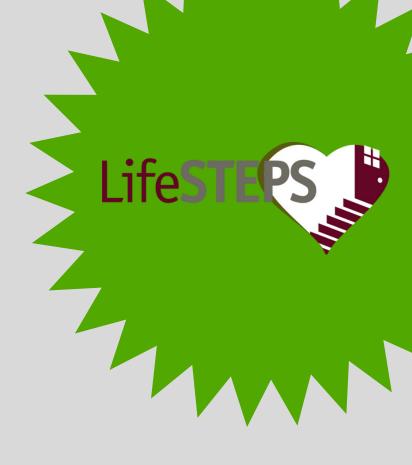
NGCP ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM UNDERSERVED TO UNSTOPPABLE – STEM PROGRAMS CHANGING YOUTH LIVES

STEM programs for underserved youth are vital bridges to opportunity, offering hands-on learning, mentorship, and crucial skills. These initiatives aim to level the playing field, ensuring all young people have the chance to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

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NGCP RESOURCES FOR UNDERSERVED YOUTH

NGCP is a network of networks working together to inspire and empower youth, especially girls, to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). We facilitate collaboration between more than 42,500 organizations that serve over 20.2 million or sirls and 10 million boys. For over 22 years, NGCP has been transforming STEM by creating experiences as diverse as the world we live in. The National Girls Collaborative Project has curated a list of high-quality resources to help your programs and communities support underserved youth.

SEE THE RESOURCES