



March Updates

March's STEM Saturday

The students had a great time at last Saturday's event! Thank you to the all the Northside STEM Student partners for supporting such a fun event. And thank you goes out to all our volunteers, you were amazing helping the students! The students got to participate in different activities that taught them about physics. Watch the video below to see all the fun!



UPCOMING EVENTS



STEM Saturday

Students will be learning all about **ACROBATIC** with fun hands-on activities. (Don't worry we'll have all about plants, food, soil and water.)
When: April 2nd 10:00am - 2pm
Where: Friendship Academy of The Arts

[Learn more & register](#)

TechCONNECTS!



Registration is open!

Program starts March 22

TechCONNECTS is a 13-week internship where high school students earn \$15/hr while learning essential skills and providing tech support to the Minneapolis community while closing the digital divide.

Students will learn:

- Computer software
- Customer service
- Professional development
- Community engagement
- Information literacy
- How to search for careers
- Tech troubleshooting
- And more!

[Register Now!](#)

Volunteer Spotlight



Kaela Coleman
Northside STEM Partner

This March, we are highlighting Kaela Coleman. Kaela works at Summit OIC as the Alumni Coordinator. She provides support to adults that have graduated from one of Summit's vocational programs. Kaela has experience working in event coordination, alumni relations, and coaching. She enjoys all things basketball. While at University, she also obtained a major in Math.

Kaela has been volunteering at STEM Saturday events by helping with set-up, greeting our families and working registration. We decided to ask her some questions.

1. What advice would you give to youth that want to enter the STEM profession?

Push yourself. STEM is not easy, but it is rewarding. I always felt like I could solve anything if I could solve a 5-page math problem. STEM allows you to push yourself and grow in the knowledge that you did not know you were capable of having.

2. If you could be or do anything other than your current profession, what would you do?
(OJABA mathematician. I love baseball and number analysis, so I always wanted to go into that field.)

3. What do you look forward to when you volunteer with Northside STEM?
Our youth. Being able to spend time with kids whether that is through class meetings, check-ins, or the STEM activity of the month. It is always fun to hang out with them and see them excited about the Northside STEM program.

Interested in volunteering with the MSSTEM alumni?

[Complete Volunteer Form](#)

Northside STEM Partner



Summit Academy OIC

Summit Academy OIC is an accredited, nonprofit Career and Technical Education (CTE) Institute located in North Minneapolis. Summit offers industry certifications for involvement in [Construction Technology \(CT\) Certificate](#), [Web Design Certificate/Analysis](#) through 20-week accelerated programs. Summit also offers an accelerated 10-week [GED](#) training program.

Benefits for Students Attending Summit:

- **No student loan!** All programs are fully funded by donors, grants, government funding and other financial opportunities, leaving students get an education without having a financial burden attached.
- **Short programs.** With 20-week programs, students do not have to dedicate years to getting an education.
- **Career Services.** A full career services department is available to help students prepare for interviews and help connect students to employers who are looking to hire Summit graduates. This service is available to both current students and graduates.
- **Financial Assistance.** Summit gives students a laptop to use for their school work at no cost to the student. Students can also talk with their advisors about receiving additional financial support for things like groceries, rent and other fees.

Summit is always taking applications for new students! New programming starts every 10 weeks. April 20th is the next start date. To start the application process, a future student will need to submit an [application](#) and then an admission counselor will reach out.

[Visit Website](#)

Questions?

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Northside STEM Student empowers students of color by providing training in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs, activities, and education that engage and prepare them for the careers of today, tomorrow, and the future.

