

RE: STEM CAREER FAIR (5/2/2020) - Pivoting to Online Event

Dear Business/Organization:

Recent news about COVID-19 has impacted us all. Given the latest recommendations from federal, state, and local authorities, we have already canceled all of our in-person programs and to the extent possible, transitioned them online. This change affects all scheduled programs and events through May 15, 2020, including the STEM Career Fair that had been scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 2nd at the Francis Tuttle Technology Center.

Rather than cancelling the event, we are pivoting to offer a similar experience online by curating STEM Career videos, along with supplemental activities, on our website at <a href="https://www.STEAMengineOKC.org/digitalcareerfair">www.STEAMengineOKC.org/digitalcareerfair</a>. We remain dedicated to serving youth, particularly those from groups that are underrepresented in STEM. We know that parents and educators are working tirelessly to implement Continuous Learning Plans at home and we want to provide supplemental learning opportunities that connect youth to exciting careers in STEM. While the disruption of COVID-19 cannot be underestimated, this pivot to an online event/program creates a new and exciting opportunity.

We invite STEM professionals to submit a 3-5 minute video— much like the "pitch" you would make at a traditional career fair. Students will be able to access these videos during this period of social distancing (and beyond). There is no cost for companies to participate in our online career fair, however, donations are greatly appreciated. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. To submit a video or learn more about participating in the program, visit our website for more information: <a href="https://www.STEAMengineOKC.org/digitalcareerfair-exhibit.html">www.STEAMengineOKC.org/digitalcareerfair-exhibit.html</a>.

The STEAM Engine is committed to our many stakeholders and we appreciate your understanding during this ever-changing situation. We hope you will continue your support of the STEAM Engine by participating and helping spread the word about this fun and different take on an outreach event. We look forward to being able to offer an in-person Career Fair at an appropriate and safe time in the future.

Should you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us at <a href="mailto:info@STEAMengineOKC.org">info@STEAMengineOKC.org</a>. You can connect with us on social media to keep updated on our progress.

Sincerely,

Morgan Jones, Founder/Board Chair The STEAM Engine



The STEAM Engine is a nonprofit serving the Oklahoma City area. We have planted ourselves at the intersection of the Maker Movement and the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) disciplines with the primary aim of encouraging youth, particularly those from populations underrepresented in STEM, to pursue STEM education and related careers by helping them develop the 21st Century skills they need to be successful.