

To Whom It May Concern,

The National Science Teachers Association along with our program partners, cordially invite you to attend the *8th Annual STEM Forum & Expo hosted by NSTA* from July 24 – 26, 2019 in San Francisco, California. This is the premier professional development event in STEM education offering our attendees the most innovative and inventive practices to keep our students globally competitive in the STEM disciplines and the integration of these disciplines.

The Forum's programming is built to assist with enhancing instructional capacity and/practices to better support implementation of school and district STEM initiatives and programs from pre-k through university. With over four hundred strand specific sessions, seminars, and panels, formal and informal educators are able to collaborate with leaders in STEM education and national education policy makers while networking with over two thousand STEM colleagues from around the world.

- Hands-on sessions that enhance on-going development of teachers and school leaders to improve their STEM knowledge.
- Specialized featured panels that promote the implementation of teacher and administrator skill and competency development, including data-informed teaching and leading, and the integration of research based methods into the STEM curriculum.
- Project- and research-based activities that tackle issues of real-world relevance.
- Hear from experts on ways to help diverse learners and special needs student navigate and be successful in STEM classrooms while creating inclusive classroom environments.

Additional events that will be offered during the STEM Forum are:

- A student led panel that focuses on how a STEM education has affected their school experiences.
- Exhibits that provide the latest tools and resources to further enhance the skills of STEM educators.
- Informal and formal education groups, business, industry, and governmental agencies panels that will help educators develop STEM partnerships.
- Hear from experts on ways to help diverse learners and special needs student navigate and be successful in STEM classrooms while creating inclusive classroom environments.

We are confident that the programming and events associated with the 8th Annual STEM Forum & Expo will help to ensure successful implementation and continued growth of STEM education into our schools and communities.

On behalf of the steering committee and NSTA leadership, we hope you and your colleagues will take advantage of this unique offering.

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