

Bridging Brilliance: Normalizing BIPOC Women in STEM Self-eSTEM Investors Deck 2022





Despite an overall increase in STEM programming and career pathways, BIPOC Women are still being kept out &

pushed out of the STEM talent pipeline.

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SelfeSTEM:

The new face and culture of STEM innovation.





To transform the face and culture of STEM, we need a multi-faceted and multi-generational approach that co-creates conditions for BIPOC girls and women to thrive.

OUR MISSION

Founded in 2014, our mission is to ignite **pride**, **purpose**, **and possibility** among BIPOC girls and women through STEM by providing:

- culturally relevant education,
- training & mentorship,
- and access to a network of support to fuel their personal and professional development throughout the talent pipeline.



INNOVATION IN ACTION

Bridging aptitude and belief, we **unleash the brilliance** in BIPOC girls and women by championing STEM through holistic:

- cognitive & non-cognitive development,
- and social & emotional learning.



The Approach

Our Culturally Thriving Learning ModelTM

is a multi-faceted approach that fosters a growth mindset and resilience among BIPOC woman so they can thrive in the STEM workforce and address the innovation gap.



Starts early

Wrap-around program support model

Culturally relevant pedagogy

Focuses on Leverages self-esteem & the power of wellness community





Holistic
and culturallyresponsive
approach

Culturallyreflective staff & leadership Humancentered curriculum Relationship-based partnerships

Rooted in Oakland & Bay Area

Our Executive Board of Directors

We are experienced and well-positioned to tackle pressing issues across the STEM talent ecosystem.



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Our Advisory Board



We are experienced and well-positioned to build strategic partnerships to advance Self-eSTEM's mission.



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OUR VALUES



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Community & Self-Love	Innovation	Creativity	Purpose	Equity
We bolster self-esteem and confidence.	We imagine and create the world we yearn for.	We encourage curiosity and creative genius.	We lead with authenticity and intentionality.	We improve life outcomes through STEM.

Impact to Date

STEM EDUCATION

Unleashing brilliance & self-esteem

Reached 1,320+ BIPOC girls (ages 7-17)
 (65% from low-income families)

Mentored 150+ BIPOC women (ages 18+)

Provided 1,300+ hours of STEM training

Activated 1,000+ volunteers

• Maintained a 90% attendance rate

• Achieved a 100% matriculation rate

Helped 81% youth realize STEM career-identities

Program Awards & Recognition

2018 The **first all BIPOC girls team** to compete in a *NorCal FIRST Tech Challenge* competition (2018)

2017 The **first all BIPOC girls team** to compete and receive Judge's award in a *NorCal FIRST Lego League* competition



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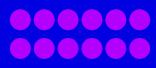


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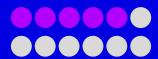




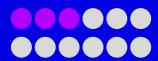
of STEM Professionals are BIPOC Women For every 12 women of color that graduate with a STEM degree...



...only **5 are working** in STEM after 2 years...



...after 10 years that number drops to 3.



Source: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics. 2019.

Source: Georgetown University: Center of on Education & the Workforce: STEM. 2014.

OUR CORE STRATEGIES





Narrative Change





Goal

Building a network and infrastructure to support BIPOC girls and women as the new face and culture of STEM innovation.

Programs & Initiatives

- Events
- Volunteer Drives
- Institutional Partnerships

Goal

Providing counter-narratives that shift mainstream perceptions of BIPOC girls and women in STEM, and inspire them to become changemakers.

Programs & Initiatives

- Social Media Campaigns
- Annual Awards Gala

Goal

Foster the personal, educational and professional development of BIPOC girls and women throughout the STEM talent pipeline.

Programs & Initiatives

- Early STEM Immersion Program
- Emerging (STEM) Leaders Program

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2023 STEM Exploration Camp: July 10 - 15 (9:00am-3:30pm PST)

Project-based activity: Intersection of STEM & Fashion & Entrepreneurship

Following the success of the hit TV show "Project Runway," participants in the Self-eSTEM program will become aspiring fashion designers and entrepreneurs. They will collaborate to develop a unique, Self-eSTEM-inspired "mini collection," incorporating key STEM concepts in product design, engineering, and mathematical principles. Our **Innovators**, working in small groups, will build and brand their fashion company, designing an inclusive collection for youth and people in their community. Aligned with the core values of Self-eSTEM, which primarily focus on building self-esteem and confidence in young girls and women, their designs will inspire youth to become future STEM leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators, and changemakers.

By the end of the camp, our **Innovators** will:

- 1. Leverage **digital media (Canva, etc.)** to create a custom logo and brand name.
- 2. Use **math & engineering design principles** to build patterns and pieces to create clothing.
- 3. Design a custom print using **tessellation (geometric)** principles.
- 4. Use **product design principles** to build clothing for identified target customers.
- 5. Create a custom (digital) website or slides (Google Workspace, etc.) aligned with their company brand and designs
- 6. Combine **fashion with STEM** to create wearable clothing and accessories and compete in a fashion show.
- 7. Practice **21st-century skills** by presenting their completed designs to peers and family.
- 8. Connect with and be **inspired by BIPOC women entrepreneurs** and STEM professionals in the Bay Area.

Impact Videos



<u>Innovators</u>

Volunteers

Program Partners







































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