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BUSINESS

Organization: Drexel Consulting Group

Contact: Drexel L. Smith, CEO/President

- California Space Authority Speakers Bureau
- National speaker on technology/workforce/education issues
- Youth Science Center Board of Directors
- Supporting several start-up enterprises initiate STEM education programs over past several years
- Guest speaker to high schools attempting to inspire students to pursue technology fields of study

Organization: iFixit

Contact: Eric Doster, Market Development Manager

- A free wikipedia of repair for anyone to read, edit and create.
- Popular product teardowns for the most hyped gadgets: this helps educate a more broad audience of the importance of good, sustainable design.
- College Partnerships: engaging students in hands-on technical writing to real audiences.
- Highschool bootcamps: introducing basic engineering concepts to highschoolers through product teardowns and repair.

Organization: Solarponics, Inc

Contact: Mike Emrich, President/Founder

- Industry representative for Atascadero Greenhounds Path Way.
- Tours and talks about renewables at the "Learning Center" 4700 El Camino Real, Atascadero.
- Guest educator for solar water heating and renewable's Cuesta College.
- Guest speaker renewable's CalPoly.
- Provide educational talks at elementary schools and demonstrations.

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FORMAL EDUCATION: K-12

Organization: Atacadero Unified School District

Contact: Kathy Hannemann, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

- Building a STEM facility at AHS in 2012 that will house all science, math and related engineering and technology classes.
- Visitation to state of the art STEM facilities in CA.
- Participation in Cal Poly Science Professional Development for middle grades
- Focus on math literacy with algebra as a foundation strand for K-8
- All 8th grade student enrolled in Algebra 1 so standard 9th grade math is geometry and 10th grade is Algebra II
- Professional Learning Community release time to support STEM dialogue

Organization: Atascadero USD

Contact: Deborah Bowers, Principal

- Hands-on lessons
- Developing a focus on STEM

Organization: Branch Elementary

Contact: Stacey Russell, Principal

Branch elementary is working towards becoming a science-focused school. We have a science lab and have conducted three school-wide science days for our students. We have a part-time science teacher funded by our PTO.

Organization: CCST - CA Council of Science & Technology

Contact: Anne Marie Bergen, California Teacher Advisory Council, Chair

CalTAC - California Teacher Advisory Council provides the teacher voice linking policy, research and practice. Our twelve-member council is composed of highly accomplished STEM K-14 educators. Our parent organization, CCST, is a nonpartisan, impartial, not-for-profit corporation offering expert advice to the state government and recommends solutions to science and technology-related policy issues.

Symposia and Summits held by CalTAC include:

- "Creating a Well-Prepared Workforce: How do we get there from here" (2/2/2009)
- "Working Towards an Assessment System with Value" (10/21/2010)
- "Imagining the Future: Digitally Enhanced Education in California" (3/24/11)

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Organization: Lucia Mar Unified School District

Contact: Dawn Hinchman, Governing Board Member

- Development of engineering academy at AGHS
- Competitive robotics teams at both comprehensive high schools
- Solar in the Schools at several sites via PG&E
- Renovation of career tech classrooms at AGHS
- Participation in Skills USA
- Too many more to list, or known by me personally

Organization: Orcutt Academy High School

Contact: Ted Lyon, Jr., Principal

Classes due to Partnership with Endeavor Academy:

- Conceptual Physics
- Mission to Planet Earth
- Intro to Engineering
- Mechatronics Robotics Team
- Tons of STEM related activities

Organization: San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

Contact: Patricia Garrett, Director, C&I, Technology

- SLO County P-16 Council
- SLO County P-16 STEM Steering Committee co-chair
- P-16 Math & Science Councils
- P-12 schools professional development in all curricular areas including STEM
- 12 schools professional development for school administrators

Organization: San Luis Coastal Unified School District

Contact: Joyce Hunter, Principal Sinsheimer Elementary School

- Foss science curriculum that is hands on with experiments and inquiry-based learning
- Math and science fair every three years
- Four student computers in each 4-6 grade classroom and a computer lab with 34 computers for grades 3-6. (includes keyboarding support in the lab, research skills, report writing and animation of Powerpoint presentations)
- Document cameras & projectors for all classrooms K-6
- Cal Poly professors who do classroom presentations on Engineering and Physics and science (however, it is up to the classroom teacher to arrange these)
- Starting to bring the MOBI Pad to selected classrooms in the fall of 2011
- School garden

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Contact: Teresa Lees, CREEC Coordinator

- Promote environmental education in the K-12 school system through the CREEC Network.
- Provide a website of all environmental education, an online resource directory, EE calendar, monthly newsletter, database, funding opportunities and professional development workshop for teachers.
- Recruit school districts to adopt and implement the new EEI curriculum.
- Engaged in local green school and farm to school efforts.

Organization: San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

Contact: Debbie Guardado, Senior Coordinator - Education Technology

- Coordinated teacher training in technology and other areas
- Coordinated partnership with CSU, San Marcos to provide middle school teacher technology training
- Advertised Cal Poly's upcoming CSEverwhere Institute for middle and high school teachers
- Etc.

Organization: Coast Unified

Contact: Henry Danielson, Director of Technology

- iphone/android programming for mobile devices
- Scratch
- Cisco in progress
- Mouse squad in progress
- Gaming lab

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FORMAL EDUCATION: COMMUNITY COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Organization: Allan Hancock College

Contact: Christine Reed, MESA Counselor/Coordinator

- Coordinate Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Program at Allan Hancock College

Organization: Allan Hancock College

Contact: Dominic Dal Bello, Associate Professor, Engineering

- STEM education, college
- Transfer of STEM students to university
- STEM grants (MESA, technology)
- Friday Night Science: Community outreach
- Career Exploration Day
- Mechatronics Summer Institute

Organization: Cal Poly, Academy of Inquiry Based Learning

Contact: Stan Yoshinobu, Associate Professor of Mathematics

The Academy of Inquiry-Based Learning (AIBL) is an association of professors, instructors, teachers and non-teaching supporters (such as retired professors or teachers having IBL experience, administrators, foundation personnel) who are committed to developing and disseminating inquiry-based learning (IBL) techniques.

AIBL has:

- Workshops for college math faculty
- Small grants for college math faculty and secondary math teachers.
- Mentoring network
- Visiting Speakers Bureau

Organization: Cal Poly

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Contact: James Gentilucci, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership

- Editor, "Proceedings: The Journal of STEM Education Leadership"
- Host academic program, annual K-12 STEM Education Leadership Symposia at Cal Poly
- Presenter, national conferences, on STEM Education Leadership for K-12 schools

Organization: Cal Poly

Contact: Lola Berber-Jimenez, Central Coast Science Project Co-Director, Liberal Studies Chair

- K-12 Science Teacher Professional Development
- In-service or pre-service
- School/district partnerships
- Leadership development
- Professional Learning Communities
- Standard and project-based learning
- Language & literacy development

Organization: Cal Poly

Contact: Bryan Rebar, Science Teacher and Researcher (STAR) Program Director

The STAR (Science Teacher and Researcher) Program provides paid summer research experiences for pre-service and early career science and math teachers at national lab and other research facilities.

Organization: Cal Poly

Contact: John Keller, CESaME Co-Director

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The Cal Poly Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education (CESaMe) focuses on the recruitment, preparation, and retention of STEM teachers. Programs and efforts include:

- Learn By Doing Lab (LBDL) - Over 3700 3rd-8th grade students have visited the Cal Poly campus for morning field trips and been taught hands-on science activities by over 130 science, math, and engineering undergraduates who are considering STEM teaching as a career. This program (started by an ARCHES grant put together by the P-16 STEM Steering Committee) has served as recruitment tool to encourage STEM undergrads to go into teaching and has also been a very well received program by classroom teachers, who see the added advantage of giving younger students a glimpse of what college looks like.
- Teacher Apprentice Program (TAP) - This is a paid internship for the undergraduates and a great recruitment effort for getting STEM majors interested in teaching and an opportunity for students and teachers on the central coast to interact with STEM majors. This year, the program has placed roughly 25 science and math undergrads in classrooms.
- Noyce Scholars Program – Pre-service science and math teachers receive \$10K-\$36K scholarships in return for committing to teach for 2-6 years in high need school districts. This program is sponsored through 5 year NSF grants. The Cal Poly Science Noyce Program will also be partnering with the Cal Poly Upward Bound Program starting this summer.
- Science Teacher and Researcher (STAR) Program - Over the past 4 summers, Cal Poly has coordinated a program for CSU undergraduates and credential students that places them in an 8-9 week authentic research experience at a Department of Energy or NASA Laboratory with a research mentor. The program has arranged 156 research placements at 16 laboratory sites (12 in California along with labs in Washington, Colorado, Maryland, and Tennessee). This program is run by CESaME on behalf of the CSU system and has received national attention. The is a tremendous recruitment and teacher preparation tool that provides prospective STEM teachers with insight into the nature of science research.
- Supporting Teacher Professional Development – CESaME is also committed to supporting professional development opportunities for in-service STEM educators. The center has partnered with the Central Coast Science Project, the CSU-NASA Education Collaborative, and the P-16 STEM Steering Committee to offer summer teacher professional development opportunities. The Center is particularly interested in supporting cooperating teachers who work with Cal Poly student teachers.

Organization: Cuesta College

Contact: Richard Fryer, Physics Instructor

Our organization provides an exceptional foundation for students following traditional math and science studies.

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INFORMAL EDUCATION

Organization: Avila Beach Sea Life Center
Contact: Priscilla Kiessig, Executive Director

- Hands on marine science education classes
- Informal public education
- Camps/workshops for science education

Organization: Cal Poly
Contact: Teana Fredeen, EPIC Program Director

Cal Poly's EPIC - Engineering Possibilities in College - program is an engineering camp for high school students. The program is designed for outreach to draw more underrepresented students to engineering. By educating and inspiring the students with hands-on activities, the program encourages students to study engineering in college.

Organization: California Space Authority
Contact: Andrea Seastrand, Executive Director

- STEM Collaborative Action Plan (STEMCAP) (see InnovateCalifornia.net)
- STEMinventory.com

Organization: Discovery Institute for the Advancement of Science and Technology Education
Contact: Derrick Lavoie, Executive Director

- STEM Showcase – County-wide STEM event for 4th grade through college. Includes keynote speaker and robotics competition.
- Science in our Community Lecture Series - talks on various STEM subjects
- Island Ecology Course for Teachers conducted at USC Marine Science Center
- Children's Day in the Plaza Discovery Booth
- Young Scientist Banquet honoring student's accomplishments in STEM

Organization: dsk architects

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Contact: Mark Seiberlich AIA, LEEDap, Partner

We have been attentive to the goals of STEM in our practice of educational architecture. Our efforts are at the local school level, although we hope to support these efforts in both the state and national level.

Organization: Endeavour

Contact: Edmund Burke, Board Chairman and Founder

- Endeavour Academies - UC approved lab science D STEM courses in middle and High School. Replicable in any California middle and/or high school.
- Endeavour Center, NASA Educator Resource Center at Vandenberg AFB.

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Organization: Endeavour Institute

Contact: Steve Kliewer, Director

The Endeavour Institute has many programs:

- Endeavour Academies - Exciting and relevant STEM course sequences for high schools and middle schools; recognition by the University of California of our highly effective lab science courses (i.e. meeting their "d" entrance requirement with honors).
- Student STEM Events - exciting opportunities for students
Space Endeavour Center
- Science Education Field Trips
- Science Fairs
- Astronomical observatory and astronomy club
- NASA Educator Resource Center
- STEM Education Workshops - professional development for teachers
- NASA Educator Launch Conferences
- Collaborations with universities, industry, and community to develop presenters, mentors, and internship opportunities

Organization: Exploration Station

Contact: Deborah Love, Executive Director

The South County Family Educational and Cultural Center operated the Exploration Station, a hands-on, interactive science center for children and families. Currently we feature exhibits on the solar system, simple machines and human anatomy.

Organization: Greyhound Revolutionary Robotics -FIRST Robotics Team 973

Contact: Larry Price, Senior Mentor

FIRST Robotics

- Mentoring of students for participation in FIRST.
- Training in fabrication of a competition robot.
- Chaperone of students to events and competitions.

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Organization: GRID Alternatives

Contact: Steven Fernandez, Central Coast Regional Director

Provide an opportunity for job trainees to get hands on experience on solar (PV) installations.

Organization: Santa Ynez Environmental and Science Community Program

Contact: Mary Jo Nordyke, Teacher

My interest is to provide STEM activities for after school programs such as Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Club and for individual tutoring to students who are interested in learning about science, as well as the environment. In addition, my organization would like to offer information and workshops utilizing the NOAA/BWET program where students will study the watershed of the local area of Santa Ynez, Lompoc, and Santa Maria, and how it affects the ocean areas surrounding Point Conception and Point Sal.