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STEM CITY News Brief

Flagstaff, Arizona

## Happy Anniversary!

### STEM City 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

August marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of STEM City and Flagstaff's designation as "America's First STEM Community."

STEM City was conceived out of a shared community vision to recognize, celebrate, and expand the tremendous human and capital assets in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) that exist in Flagstaff.

Now, ten years later, STEM City is proud to have facilitated:

- Nine annual communitywide STEM Celebrations
- Annual STEMMY Awards recognizing numerous STEM Students, Teachers & Organizations
- Direct student engagement in STEM learning through classroom partnerships with local experts in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

We'll celebrate this 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with various events throughout the coming months to revitalize Flagstaff's well-earned designation as "America's First STEM Community."



### STEM Celebration 2022

This year's STEM Celebration—held April 30<sup>th</sup> at Fort Tuthill—was a great success, with 65 exhibitors and more than 1,200 attendees! Nearly 60% of attendees spent two to three hours exploring, and 83%



rated the event "Awesome!" Families were from throughout the Flagstaff area and Williams, as well as Phoenix, Tucson and even South Bend, Indiana! Check out some of our photos here and online at: [STEM Celebration - Flagstaff STEM City](#)



### Full STEAM Ahead

Imagine a classroom of 7<sup>th</sup> graders working with a local contractor and engineer to design and model a city of the future. Or a 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom working with a biologist to develop ideas to protect an endangered species of the Colorado Plateau. Or an Indigenous artist teaching sustainability and the use of natural materials and dyes to high school art students. That's the premise behind Full STEAM Ahead . . . to bring local professionals into classrooms to open the world of STEM possibilities to students.

Register now as a classroom teacher or community professional to engage students in this exciting learning opportunity for the upcoming school year. More information and registration can be found at: [Full STEAM Ahead - Flagstaff STEM City](#)

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## STEMMY Awards

**Congratulations** to the 2022 STEMMY Award Winners! Winners were announced during the STEM Celebration! STEM Students of the Year and first-place Teacher of the Year received cash awards and commemorative plaques, with all others receiving a commemorative plaque or framed certificate.

- STEM Students of the Year
  - **Alicia Clouser**, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Coconino High
  - Hannah Gurne, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Coconino High
  - Adam Whitcomb, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Flagstaff Arts & Leadership Academy



- STEM Teacher of the Year
  - **Audrey Baird**, First Place Flagstaff Arts & Leadership Academy
  - Michelle Despain, Runner-up Montessori School
  - Ray Serverian, Runner-up Summit High School



- STEM Organization/Business Leader of the Year
  - **Tynkertopia**, First Place
  - Mari Soliday-Larsen Runner-Up Museum of No. Arizona
  - CocoNuts Robotics Team Runner-Up

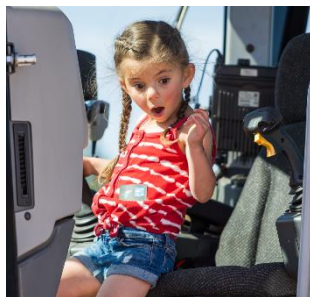


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