

First Annual STEMmy Awards

May 25th, 2016 6-8 PM

Research Triangle Park Headquarters 12 Davis Drive, RTP, NC 27709











Thank you for your interest in the 1st ever STEMmys!
We hope to highlight a lot of the great work being done in the Triangle STEM community through an engaging evening of celebration at the Research Triangle Park Headquarters on May 25th, 2016.
Below are the categories we will be recognizing that night.

STEM Mentor of the Year

STEM Student of the Year K-8

STEM Student of the Year 9-16

STEM School of the Year

STEM Industry Partner of the Year

STEM Youth-serving Organization of the Year

STEM Higher Ed Department of the Year

RTPi3 Essay Contest Winner









US2020 RTP is excited to announce that we will be hosting our First Annual STEMmy Awards! The STEMmys will be an awards ceremony where we recognize various individuals, organizations, and partners for their amazing work and contributions in making science, technology, engineering, and math more accessible for low income, minority, and female students from around the Triangle. Please join us at the Headquarters in RTP May 25th, 2016 at 6:00 pm for dinner and spirits during our presentation of the first ever 'Golden Gears'.

The Nomination Process

The STEMmy Awards will be a first of its kind awards celebrating STEM in the Triangle. Please use this description of the nomination process to determine which category (or categories) you are interested in. In each case, there are special populations for both the nominees and those submitting nominations. Please pay close attention to those details to be sure of eligibility.

Nominations will be reviewed by a selected panel of judges, and once decided upon, winners will be notified prior to the event. To nominate please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2TN3NKL

Please preview the nomination questions below:

STEMmys Nomination Form

1. Which STEMmys category describes your nominee?

STEM Mentor of the Year

STEM Student of the Year K-8

STEM Student of the Year 9-16

STEM School of the Year

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STEM Mentor of the Year

The STEM Mentor of the Year will be a current or former STEM professional recognized from Wake or Durham county who is dedicated to fostering the love of STEM in underrepresented youth through meaningful interaction. Nominees should submit (or have submitted on their behalf) a summary of work done in this vein in the period between July 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016.

- 2. Who do you nominate as the 2016 STEM Mentor of the Year?
- 3. Where is your nominee employed? (if not applicable, type N/A)
- 4. Why does your nominee deserve to win?
- 5. What qualitative (testimonials, stories of impact, etc) data do you have to support this nomination?
- 6. What quantitative (# of hours volunteered, schools/nonprofits served, children affected, etc) data do you have to support this nomination?
- 7. Contact information (name, email, phone number) of the person making the nomination:

STEM Student of the Year K-8

The STEM Student of the Year K-8 will hail from a public school in Wake or Durham county and be recognized by an educator at the student's school for their dedication to the STEM fields, both in and out of the classroom, during the 2015-16 school year. Examples should include elements of achievement in STEM classes, originality in projects, and involvement in any extracurricular STEM-themed teams or clubs. To ensure a fair chance for all students, special consideration will be given to the age of the student when considering nominees.

- 8. Who do you nominate as the 2016 STEM Student of the Year K-8?
- 9. In which grade/year is the student?
- 10. To which school does the student go?
- 11. Why does your nominee deserve to win?
- 12. Contact information (name, email, phone number) of the educator making the nomination:

STEM Student of the Year 9-16

The STEM Student of the Year 9-16 will hail from a public school, college or university in Wake or Durham county (as well as the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill) and be recognized by an educator at the student's school for their dedication to the STEM fields, both in and out of the classroom, during the 2015-16 school year. Examples should include elements of achievement in STEM classes, originality in projects, and involvement in any extracurricular STEM-themed teams or clubs. To ensure a fair chance for all students, special consideration will be given to the age of the student when considering nominees.

- 13. Who do you nominate as the 2016 STEM Student of the Year 9-16?
- 14. In which grade/year is the student?
- 15. To which school does the student go?
- 16. Why does your nominee deserve to win?
- 17. Contact information (name, email, phone number) of the educator making the nomination:

STEM School of the Year

The STEM School of the Year will be given to a K-12 school in Wake or Durham county that is nominated by a US2020 industry partner for their dedication to a high quality learning experience for all students in the STEM fields. Examples should be plentiful and speak to a wide variety of methods, events, and techniques that engage students in a number of ways throughout the school year, from small in-class efforts to school-wide events.

18. Contact information (name, email, phone number) and company of the person or people making the nomination:

- 19. Which school do you nominate as the 2016 STEM School of the Year?
- 20. Why does your nominee deserve to win?

STEM Industry Partner of the Year

The STEM Industry Partner of the Year will be given to the company or organization making the greatest impact on the greater STEM community, as measured by nominations from schools and organizations working with the company or organization. Consideration will focus on work done serving Wake and Durham county schools and students in increasing access to STEM through focused volunteerism and on-campus/on-site visits.

- 21. Contact information (name, email, phone number) and organization/school of the person or people making the nomination:
- 22. Who do you nominate as the 2016 STEM Industry Partner of the Year?
- 23. Why does your nominee deserve to win?

STEM Youth-serving Organization of the Year

The STEM Youth-serving Organization of the Year category will focus on the non-profit that has helped to connect the youth it serves to a variety of engaging opportunities in STEM. Possibilities include company visits, guest speakers, fairs, as well as many other activities or practices. Schools, industry partners, individuals, and self-nominations are acceptable in this category. Special consideration will be given to organizations serving underrepresented populations.

- 24. Contact information (name, email, phone number) of the entity making the nomination:
- 25. Who do you nominate as the 2016 STEM Youth-serving Organization of the Year?
- 26. Why does your nominee deserve to win?

STEM Higher Ed Department of the Year

The STEM Higher Ed Department of the Year will give recognition to the specific college, community college, or university department in Wake or Durham county (as well as the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill) doing the greatest work in STEM outreach. Nominations can come from any party, including self-nominations. Consideration will be given to both the percentage of students engaged in outreach and the number of students/schools receiving support.

- 27. Contact information (name, email, phone number) for the person or entity making the nomination:
- 28. Who do you nominate as the 2016 STEM Higher Ed Department of the Year (name, email, phone number)?
- 29. Why does your nominee deserve to win?
- 30. What qualitative (testimonials, stories of impact, etc) data do you have to support this nomination?

31. What quantitative (# of hours volunteered, schools/nonprofits served, children affected, etc) data do you have to support this nomination?

RTPi3 Essay Contest Winner

The Innovate, Ignite, and Inspire essay writing contest will be open to 10-12th graders from the six Innovate NC counties - Buncombe, Guilford, Wilson, Robeson, Brunswick, and New Hanover counties.

The deadline to submit nominations is April 29th, 2016.

The event itself will be held on the night of May 25th, 2016 at the Research Triangle Park Headquarters, located at 12 Davis Drive. Sponsorship of tables for this event have been made available to US2020 industry partners. For more information on how to sponsor this event, please contact Brett Brenton at brenton@rtp.org.