



To: The Links, Incorporated, Tacoma (WA) Chapter
From: Services to Youth Facet
Re: Report
Date: January 23, 2021

Meetings on January 14, 2021 and December 10, 2020

The STY Facet met on January 14, 2021 and December 10, 2020. We meet via zoom at 630pm on the second Thursdays of the month. After a successful virtual event with Justice Helen Whitener in October we wanted to begin planning on another event. We took a look at the primary goals and the National STEM Initiative.

The primary goals of this facet are to:

- Close the achievement gap from pre-K through college, with the intent of preparing our youth for the global workforce as healthy citizens
- Promote the integration of a health and wellness component focused on youth, families and communities in our Services to Youth programs
- Develop training modules for local pre-K through college mentoring programs, to ascertain a high level of support for youth in our communities
- Expand and support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and promote the integration of the arts (STEM to STEAM)
- Promote and support historically black colleges and universities for ensured sustainability

National STEM Education and Career Readiness Initiative

The National STEM Education and Career Readiness Initiative was crafted out of The Links, Incorporated's dedication to ensuring quality STEM education at all grade levels so that youth may be exposed to and prepared to study for STEM related careers.

Through the National STEM Initiative, local chapters work to:

- **Establish sustainable partnerships with select STEM focused organizations and/or corporations that have national reach, demonstrated results and progressive educational programs**
- Implement STEM educational programming pre-K – 16, including toolkit applications to support The Arts (STEAM) and Health and Human Services

- Facilitate mentoring opportunities with STEM professionals and academia with a goal of reducing the attrition rate of college students who pursue and graduate in STEM disciplines
- **Prepare and encourage students to attend community college and/or a 4-year college for STEM related educational disciplines**
- **Enhance STEM related career opportunities for minority students through scholarships and internships**

Our next STY program will be on February 20, 2021 from 12pm-2pm. Building A Future Assembled From The Past- Black history month program featuring Black Engineers focusing on the bolded areas set out above. A save the date flyer has been posted on our Facebook page.

Respectfully Submitted,

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