



12TH ANNUAL  
CENTRAL  EXCHANGE  
**STEM**  
Awards

# Join Kansas City STEMM companies honoring women.

**Surprisingly, women only make up approximately 31% of the workforce in STEMM fields.** To change this staggering statistic, we need businesses to get involved shifting the future landscape.

The Central Exchange Women In STEMM (WiSTEMM) initiative is the Kansas City Region's premier effort to recognize, advance and promote women working in the fields of science, technology, engineering, math and medicine.

Each year CX celebrates the accomplishments of all women in KC who are setting trends and breaking barriers in their STEMM fields at the Annual STEMMy Awards Benefactor's Roundtable Discussion and the Awards Recognition Gala Luncheon.

Award categories include Enterprising Innovator, Corporate HERO, Groundbreaking Leadership, Rising Trendsetter, WiSTEMM Educator, Student Achiever, and WiSTEMM Champion.

Please help us raise awareness of the innovation, leadership, and success women bring to STEMM by becoming a **sponsor of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual STEMMy Awards**, and position your company as a champion cultivating and accelerating STEMM leaders in our community.

Your organization will benefit not only as a sponsor but as a beacon and patron of women in STEMM careers.

We count on organizations such as yours to help us reach, cultivate, and celebrate these women. Thank you for your consideration and support!

**SECURE YOUR SPONSORSHIP BY OCTOBER 1, 2025**  
**FOR MAXIMUM MARKETING EXPOSURE AT [CXSTEMMYS.COM](https://cxstemmys.com)**  
**or email Kerry Gentry Hartnett at [kerry@centralexchange.org](mailto:kerry@centralexchange.org)**

## Student Achiever

**ASHLEY HOWARD | UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS MEDICAL CENTER**

The **Student Achiever STEMMy Award** recognizes a female college student currently enrolled in a Kansas or Missouri college or university who has professional aspirations in a STEMM field. The student has demonstrated academic achievements, shows exemplary student involvement in campus/ community organizations, and is a leader amongst her peers at her college or university. This award can be given to an undergrad or graduate degree student.

## WiSTEMM Educator

**LYDIA MORENO | KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**

The **WiSTEMM Educator STEMMy Award** recognizes a full-time STEMM faculty member at any high school or college level. Based on student or fellow faculty evaluations and community accolades, her institution or community acknowledges her as an outstanding educator.

## Enterprising Innovator

**KALIN BACA | ICORIUM ENGINEERING COMPANY**

The **Enterprising Innovator STEMMy Award** recognizes a woman business owner in a STEMM-focused company who demonstrates exemplary leadership in her business by establishing a strong vision and achieving great success. She also demonstrates industry excellence by influencing others in her STEMM field and is viewed as a key contributor in her industry.

## Corporate HERO

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The **Corporate/Organization HERO STEMMy Award** recognizes a company, whether large or small, that promotes women in STEMM within their organization. This company actively engages in KC Metro STEMM-related activities and supports community organizations. It is highly supportive of women in their STEMM fields and provides benefits and support in the form of education, growth opportunities, flexibility, and camaraderie through initiatives such as ERGs.

# 2025 STEMMy Award Categories

## WiSTEMM Community Spotlight

**SWE-KC (SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS)**

**NEW IN 2025!** The **WiSTEMM Community Spotlight Award** recognizes a non-profit, professional organization, or community initiative that promotes STEMM within our region. The Spotlight recipient creates a pipeline of STEMM talent within the community, promotes STEMM initiatives, and raises awareness of STEMM in the community.

## Rising Trendsetter

**TERRI THOMPSON | MUSEUM AT PRAIRIEFIRE**

The **Rising Trendsetter Award** recognizes a woman with **10 Years or Less** of professional experience in her **STEMM** field and who has demonstrated significant achievement early in her career. She is an Influencer of women in STEMM, showing peer recognition and peer support. She is an emerging leader for women in STEMM and is involved in STEMM activities in her company and/or the community.

## Groundbreaking Leadership

**CHRISTINA CHANDLER | KC STEM ALLIANCE**

**KIMBERLY DEWITT | STATE OF KANSAS**

The **Groundbreaking Leadership Award** recognizes a woman in STEMM who has made significant contributions to the STEMM community throughout her **over 10-year professional career in her STEMM field**. She advocates for women in STEMM by promoting gender equity in leadership roles, supporting women entering or advancing in STEMM careers, and celebrating the achievements of women in this area. She is a comprehensive leader who casts a vision, sets and achieves goals, learns from other leaders, mentors others, influences peers, and drives innovation and change.

## WiSTEMM Champion

**DEMICO WITHERSPOON-GRAHAM | TEACHERS LIKE ME**

The **WiSTEMM Champion Award** recognizes a leader, regardless of gender, working in or associated with a STEMM field or organization. These individuals are bridge builders who envision gender equality and take action to realize that vision. They advocate for women in STEMM, empowering them to achieve their full potential. They offer support as women enter or advance in their STEMM careers and actively promote them within their workplaces and communities. They are true champions for others.

# Benefactor's Roundtable Discussion + Happy Hour

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM | T-MOBILE WINTER GARDEN

Join a dynamic lineup for a thought-provoking conversation focusing on women in STEMM.  
Followed by drinks, appetizers, and networking.



**MODERATED BY:**

**BRITTANY MARTINEZ**

TL1 Post-doctoral Fellow  
University of Kansas Medical Center  
2023 Student Achiever



**TAMMY BUCKNER**

Chief Executive Officer  
WeCode KC  
Honorary Co-Chair + Panelist  
2023 WiSTEMM Champion



**STEF SEGER**

Community Development Regional Manager  
Meta  
Honorary Co-Chair + Panelist

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## 12th Annual STEMMy Awards Ceremony + Gala Luncheon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | FIORELLA'S EVENT SPACE

Help us recognize the outstanding 2025 STEMMy Award Honorees  
at the annual awards luncheon.



**FEATURING KEYNOTE:**

**DR. CHERYL COOPER**

President  
Women in CyberSecurity KC  
"The Choice to Be Seen and Heard:  
Four Bold Strategies to Transform  
STEMM for Women"



**EVENT EMCEED BY:**

**ANITA RANHOTRA**

Distribution Engineering Manager  
Hallmark Cards, Inc.  
2022 Groundbreaking Leadership

# Celebrate the 2025 STEMMy Award Honorees.

# Sponsorship Opportunities

## Platinum

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# \$15,000

1 Available SOLD OUT

- **40 In-Person Tickets** to the STEMMy Awards Benefactor's Roundtable Discussion + Happy Hour.
- **40 In-Person Tickets** to the STEMMy Awards Gala Luncheon + Awards Ceremony.
- **Company logo** on the front cover of the Awards Gala Luncheon printed program.
- Opportunity to **provide comments from the stage** at the Awards Gala Luncheon.
- Receive a **Full-Page Advertisement** in the printed program provided at the luncheon.
- Recognized as the **Platinum Sponsor** in all **Digital Marketing**, including invitations, the event webpage, and social media.
- Recognized as the **Platinum Sponsor** in all printed and digital marketing materials **at both celebration events**.

## Gold

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# \$10,000

Unlimited

- **30 In-Person Tickets** to the STEMMy Awards Benefactor's Roundtable Discussion + Happy Hour.
- **30 In-Person Tickets** to the STEMMy Awards Gala Luncheon + Awards Ceremony.
- Receive a **Full-Page Advertisement** in the printed program provided at the luncheon.
- Recognized as a **Gold Sponsor** in all **Digital Marketing**, including invitations, the event webpage, and social media.
- Recognized as a **Gold Sponsor** in all printed and digital marketing materials **at both celebration events**.

## Silver

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# \$5,500

Unlimited

- **20 In-Person Tickets** to the STEMMy Awards Benefactor's Roundtable Discussion + Happy Hour.
- **20 In-Person Tickets** to the STEMMy Awards Gala Luncheon + Awards Ceremony.
- Receive a **Half-Page Advertisement** in the printed program provided at the luncheon.
- Recognized as a **Silver Sponsor** in all **Digital Marketing**, including invitations, the event webpage, and social media.
- Recognized as a **Silver Sponsor** in all printed and digital marketing materials **at both celebration events**.

## Bronze

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# \$3,500

Unlimited

- **15 In-Person Tickets** to the STEMMy Awards Benefactor's Roundtable Discussion + Happy Hour.
- **15 In-Person Tickets** to the STEMMy Awards Gala Luncheon + Awards Ceremony.
- Receive a **Quarter-Page Advertisement** in the printed program provided at the luncheon.
- Recognized as a **Bronze Sponsor** in all **Digital Marketing**, including invitations, the event webpage, and social media.
- Recognized as a **Bronze Sponsor** in all printed and digital marketing materials **at both celebration events**.

## Copper

STEMMy AWARDS SPONSOR

# \$1,250

Unlimited

- **10 In-Person Tickets** to the STEMMy Awards Benefactor's Roundtable Discussion + Happy Hour.
- **10 In-Person Tickets** to the STEMMy Awards Gala Luncheon + Awards Ceremony.
- Recognized as a **Copper Sponsor** in all printed and digital marketing materials **at both celebration events**.

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# Individual Tickets



## Combo Ticket

+ 1 ticket to the Benefactor's Roundtable Discussion + Happy Hour  
+ 1 ticket to the Awards Ceremony + Gala Luncheon

**\$149 Public**  
**\$99 CX Members**

### October 13 Benefactor's Roundtable

**\$50 Public**  
**\$25 CX Members**

### October 23 Awards Gala Luncheon

**\$125 Public**  
**\$100 CX Members**

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WOMEN + COMPANIES IN STEM!**

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