

# PROJECT FIBONACCI® STEAM NEWSLETTER

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## Hello Again STEAM Scholars!



**Andy Drozd**  
Founder & Chair

This third newsletter edition is jam-packed with highlights of our recent Project Fibonacci® Women & STEAM Speakers Series which was launched this past January 20<sup>th</sup>. Our inaugural Speakers Series featured Ms. Margot Lee Shetterly, author of the book *Hidden Figures* and Co-Executive Producer of the film by the same name. If you haven't seen it, I encourage you to do so. The book and movie underscore the significant contributions that African-American women scientists and mathematicians made during the early days of NASA. It emphasized how mathematics played a key role in safely getting people into space and eventually to the moon and back. To this day, we use many of the same rocketry and orbital formulations devised by these women. We owe them an extreme debt of

gratitude for all that they did and their rich legacy remains to this day. But, I also want you to realize that it's not all just about STEM. As you know, we are promoting the idea of *STEM with the Arts* and how the mathematics cuts across and permeates virtually every one of the science and arts disciplines. This is a very important principle that energizes and revitalizes the way a society functions and evolves over time, just as it did during the time of the European Renaissance.

To that end, we will have yet another outstanding STEAM conference program as we go into our second year with several new speakers and educational workshops plus some cool entertainment. Please see the lineup of keynote speakers in this newsletter. These include Michio Kaku (futurist from City College in New York), Debbie Berebichez (physicist, co-host and commentator of the Discovery Channel's *Outrageous Acts of Science* series), Christine McKinley (mechanical engineer and musician, seen on Brad Meltzer's *Decoded* series on the History Channel), and Kevin Delaney of the Science Channel's *Street Science* series as well as Jimmy Fallon's favorite resident scientist. You will have a chance to get *close and personal* with these celebrities and be inspired by their stories and life philosophies. We may have a few other surprises up our sleeve to round out the program, so be prepared! I'll give a hint: you might want to get ready to pitch an idea for a STEAM business...I'll leave it there.

A program such as this takes a great many hands and financial support. I once again ask for your help to [write letters](#) to the New York State Governor to support STEAM initiatives such as ours. This will help us to receive grants to expand the program and offer even more content and variety in the future. Thank you for supporting this important request!

I look forward to seeing you at the conference from July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Beeches Conference Center in Rome, NY. Until next time...*Full STEAM Ahead!*



## Registration is Now Open!

**REGISTER NOW**

## Sign up today to receive our Early Bird Discount and Save 15%

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through March 31, 2017*

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# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE



Calling all STEAM Scholars!  
The deadline to submit your scholarship papers is

**April 15, 2017**

For more details on how you can eligible to receive partial or full coverage, click [here](#).

### Please note:

Submissions are encouraged, but **do not** guarantee partial/full scholarship funds. Students and their parents/guardians will receive further information if chosen to receive partial/full tuition at a later date.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE *To Nominate!*

Still Accepting Nominations!

### TEACHERS & MENTORS:

*Nominate your STEAM Scholars today!*

### RETURNING STEAM SCHOLARS:

*Don't forget to nominate your peers!*

Nomination forms can be found at

[ProjectFibonacci.org](http://ProjectFibonacci.org)



Invitations to those accepted to attend the Project Fibonacci® STEAM Conference are sent to qualifying students & parents!

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# PAST EVENTS: WOMEN & STEAM SPEAKERS SERIES

## *Margot Lee Shetterly*

AUTHOR OF  
HIDDEN FIGURES



*Live at the  
Stanley Theatre*

Margot Lee Shetterly was the highly anticipated keynote speaker of the Project Fibonacci® Women & STEAM Speakers series. Ms. Shetterly inspired the audience to celebrate the unsung heroes of *Hidden Figures*, teasing out issues of race, gender, science and innovation.

Visit our YouTube Channel for exclusive interviews & updates!



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# TENTATIVE KEYNOTE SPEAKER SCHEDULES



## CHRISTINE MCKINLEY MONDAY, JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>

Mechanical engineer, musician and author of *Physics for Rockstars*. As seen as the guest host of Brad Meltzer's *Decoded* on the History Channel and *Under New York* on the Discovery Channel.

*\*Keynote Event & Workshop Leader*



## DR. DEBBIE BEREICHEZ TUESDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>

Dr. Berebichez is a physicist, STEM advocate and co-host of Discovery Channel's *Outrageous Acts of Science* TV show (2012-present), where she uses her knowledge of physics to explain the science behind extraordinary engineering facts.

*\*Keynote Event & Workshop Leader*



## DR. MICHIO KAKU WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>

Dr. Michio Kaku is an American theoretical physicist, futurist, and popularizer of science. Kaku is a professor of theoretical physics at the City College of New York and CUNY Graduate Center.

## *Special Announcement!*



## KEVIN DELANEY FRIDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>

Kevin Delaney is a science presenter at Arkansas' Museum for Discovery in Little Rock. His talent for science communication landed him a recurring spot of *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon* as the resident science presenter. He is also the host of the Science

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