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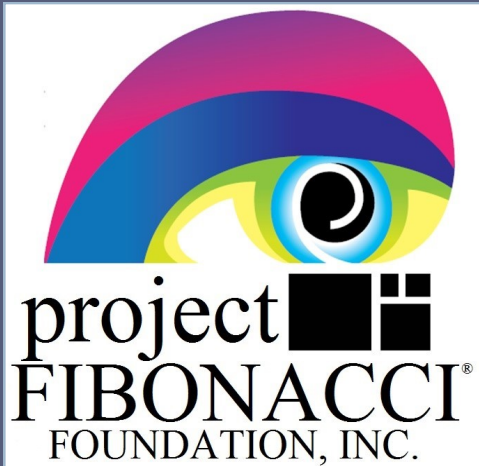
STEAM LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

project FIBONACCI® FOUNDATION, INC.

Full STEAM Ahead!

Thank you for your interest in the Project Fibonacci® STEAM Leadership Conference

JULY 28– AUGUST 3, 2019

THE BEECHES PROFESSIONAL CAMPUS ROME, NY

ADVANCE PROGRAM WILL BE AVAILABLE MID- APRIL

Our Mission

To introduce our youth to a culture of interdisciplinary STEAM learning, teaching them to become creative, independent leaders of community resurgence

Our Vision

Enriched STEAM Communities Driving a Modern Renaissance

Be sure to check out ProjectFibonacci.org for updates and more information regarding the upcoming conference and to take a look at previous conferences

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions:

info@projectfibonacci.org

(315) 334-1163

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Since 2016, the Project Fibonacci® Foundation has held a week-long summer STEAM Leadership Conference, which has been attended by over 300 high school and college students from across NYS and the country.

Each year, the conference Steering Committee—*consisting of over 30 business leaders, educators, artists and community members*— develops a highly interactive curriculum for our STEAM Scholars.

Participants are exposed to in-depth STEAM content, cutting edge innovations, and hands-on workshops that provide STEAM Scholars with the confidence and skillset to reach further in their academic and professional pursuits

STEAM Scholars gain the advantage of adding the completion of the STEAM Leadership Conference to their college resumes, giving them an edge that has proved to successful for past Scholars. In addition, STEAM Scholars have also received internship opportunities from local companies .

Past STEAM Scholar Testimonials:

"This conference emphasized the artistic qualities in myself & made me more interested in the arts."

"….it was fun and I made some great friends while learning."

"The conference was an incredible experience. We learned a lot from professionals, met and worked with scholars, toured various labs and so much more!"

"Project Fibonacci helped me get out of my comfort zone"

"I learned how to express myself with passion & technique."

"My interests can translate into careers beyond regular day jobs."

"There are so many opportunities in CNY!"

ATTENDING IS AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

1. Nomination

Have a teacher, professor, mentor or guidance counselor nominate you to attend.

Qualifications to attend:

-High School Sophomores-College/University Juniors

-Age range 15-20

-Shows potential and/or demonstrates leadership in STEAM related topics

Nomination forms are available online at ProjectFibonacci.org

Completing the Nomination Form:

- Parents/Guardians of students aged under 18 should fill out page one of the nomination form
- The nominator (i.e. teacher, mentor) should fill out page two of the nomination form and attach additional letters of recommendation

Send completed nomination forms to info@projectfibonacci.org or via mail to:

The Project Fibonacci® Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 424

Rome, NY 13442-0424

Educators, Mentors & Guidance Counselors:

The Project Fibonacci® Foundation encourages schools to nominate multiple students to attend the 2019 Project Fibonacci® STEAM Leadership Conference. Professional Development credit will be available for teachers through full or partial day registration throughout the conference week. Additional Professional Development events are also available for educators throughout the year as part of the LifeSTREAM Series.

For more information, contact us at info@projectfibonacci.org

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2. Acceptance

After the Admissions Board reviews the completed nomination form, students and their families will be notified by mail if they have been accepted to attend the conference. The nominator will receive notification via email if their nominee (s) have been accepted.

Once Accepted...

Once the nominee is accepted, review the supplied information regarding the topic of the 2019 STEAM Leadership Conference to help decide your part of the final project. Meanwhile, if applicable, start fundraising to help cover your tuition costs or sign up for our payment plan to guarantee your spot for registration.

Stay Involved...

Be sure to follow Project Fibonacci® on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for important announcements and visit ProjectFibonacci.org for further updated information & upcoming deadlines.

3. Registration

The registration period will begin in April 2019. The 2019 STEAM Leadership Conference is restricted to 140 STEAM Scholars from across NYS. To guarantee your spot to attend the conference, register as soon as possible. After registering, STEAM Scholars are able to submit scholarship entries to potentially gain partial or full funding to cover the cost of their tuition.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:

REGISTER DURING OUR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION PERIOD

APRIL 1– APRIL 29

TO LOCK IN REDUCED TUITION RATES AND TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROJECT FIBONACCI®
PAYMENT PLAN

CONFERENCE TUITION

Tuition cost for the week-long conference includes:

- Lodging

- Meals & Snacks

- Shuttle Service

- Workshops with local and regional experts

- Keynote Speeches from world-renowned, celebrity speakers with exclusive meet & greet opportunities and discounted merchandise *

- Project Fibonacci® Merchandise

- Entertainment & Special Events

- Medical & Security Services

- Project Materials

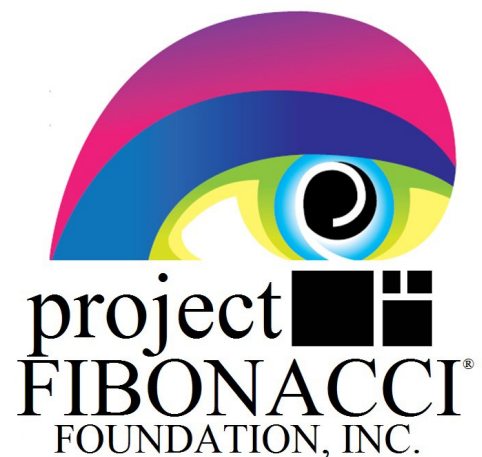- Off-Site Tour Access

*View past keynote speakers on page 9

Cost of Tuition

Early Bird Registration April 1-April 29, 2019

- Early Bird New Scholar Registration- $1,300

- Early Bird Returning Scholar Registration- $1,200

Registered After Early Bird Period:

- New Scholar Registration- $1,500

- Returning Scholar Registration- $1,300

TUITION ASSISTANCE

87% OF 2018 PARTICIPANTS HAD THEIR TUITIONS PAID FOR IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THEIR SCHOOLS & THROUGH SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Private Fundraising

STEAM Scholars are encouraged to tap into their entrepreneurial spirit and participate to fundraise for themselves or by working with a group.

For ideas, visit our Fundraising Toolkit at ProjectFibonacci.org

School Funded Tuitions

Schools, colleges and universities are encouraged to partially or fully cover their student nominee's tuition for the 2019 Project Fibonacci® STEAM Leadership Conference.

BOCES Co-Sers are available to all NYS Schools, excluding the "Big Five" districts (NYC, Yonkers, Buffalo, Rochester & Syracuse). There are two Co-Sers which may cover student costs to attend the Project Fibonacci® STEAM Leadership Conference, Innovation Camps, LifeSTREAM events, etc. They are:

- Arts in Education (Arts)– funds student participating in arts learning events (visual arts, music, dance, performances, etc.)

- Exploratory Enrichment (EE)– funds student participation in science, technology, engineering or mathematics learning events.

If a district has not pre-funded these particular Co-Sers or has exhausted them, they may transfer money into them from another part of their BOCES budget. Typically, a BOCES will have an individual who manages districts' "Arts" and "EE" Co-Ser usage, often located within a curriculum or professional development office.

Because the STEAM Leadership Conference falls into districts' new fiscal year, BOCES typically allow half the tuition to be paid out of the current budget years' Co-Sers to cover "down payments" which are due before June 30th. Final payments are typically executed July 1st, when the new budget is opened.

Scholarship Submission

Scholarship submissions are encouraged, but do not guarantee partial/full scholarship funds. Students must be nominated, accepted and registered online prior to their scholarship submission.

Please Note: The student must be accepted AND registered to be eligible to receive scholarship funding,

SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION

The following are ways to be considered for available scholarship funds*:

1. Submit a paper on why you should be chosen to receive funds to attend the 2019 STEAM Leadership Conference. Include goals, aspirations, current academic success, community service and how you would benefit from attending.

2. Submit a paper on the value of furthering STEAM education for yourself and/or others and its importance in any career setting.

3. If you have attended previous conferences (2016-2018), create a short video describing your experience and how it has benefited you overall as well as its educational benefits and why you recommend it to others.

Scholarship submissions are reviewed bi-weekly by our Scholarship Board.

STEAM Scholars and their families will be notified the amount allotted toward tuition.

Once the STEAM Scholar and their family are aware of the allotted funds by the specific company/organization, STEAM Scholars are **required** to send a "Thank You" letter to the provided point of contact.

During the conference, sponsored STEAM Scholars will be encouraged to participate in scheduled photo ops with their sponsor and to write an additional "Thank You" letter providing insight to their experience and to promote future funding opportunities.

Specifications:

• All paper submissions must be at least 1-2 pages, size 12 font, single spaced

• Video entries must be 3-5 minutes in length

PAYMENT PLAN

Introducing the 2019 Project Fibonacci® Payment Plan. Pay in increments of 33% for your STEAM Scholar Tuition. The Project Fibonacci® Payment Plan is only intended for parents and families of 2019 STEAM Scholars and only applicable for Early Bird Registrations. Those participating in the Payment Plan may still be eligible to receive tuition assistance through scholarship submissions (up to one payment amount). STEAM Scholars must register between March 4-April 19,2019.

Tuition Due Dates

New STEAM Scholars Early Bird Discounted Registration: $1,300

  Payment 1: $430 due 4/26/2019

  Payment 2: $435 due 5/24/2019

  Payment 3: $435 due 6/21/2019

Returning STEAM Scholars Early Bird Discounted Registration: $1,200

  Payment 1: $400 due 4/26/2019

  Payment 2: $400 due 5/24/2019

  Payment 3: $400 due 6/21/2019

Please Note:

- Payments can be made via check or credit card
- Invoices will be sent electronically to the provided parent email address
- Invoices paid via credit card will be charged a 3% processing fee
- No refunds will be given if the registered STEAM Scholar is unable to attend
- A 10% late fee will be applied to late payments.

For more information, contact :

asingletary@projectfibonacci.org

(315) 334-1163 ext. 120

PAST KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Alan Alda

Actor, Author & Science Communicator

Margot Lee Shetterly

Author of *Hidden Figures*

Dr. David Eagleman

Neuroscientist, Author & TV Host

Dr. Debbie Berebichez

Physicist, TV Host & STEM Advocate

Alan Bean

Artist & Astronaut– 4th Man on the Moon

Christine McKinley

Mechanical Engineer, Musician, Author & TV Host

Alex Filippenko
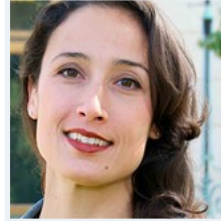
Astronomer, Professor at UC Berkley & Author

Dr. Brian Greene

Theoretical Physicist & Co-Founder of the World Science Festival

Dr. Michio Kaku

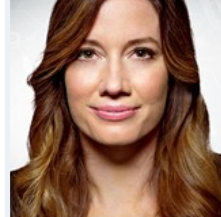Theoretical Physicist, Futurist Author & TV Personality

Dr. Brandy Schillace

Author, Historian & Editor-in-Chief of the BMJs Medical Humanities

Daymond John

Entrepreneur & Co-Star on ABCs *Shark Tank*

Deanne Bell

Engineer, TV Host, & Founder of FutureEngineers.org

Chris Hadfield
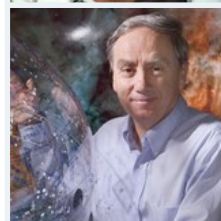
Musician & Former Astronaut

Maci Peterson

Innovator & Entrepreneur, Developed the App *On Second Thought*
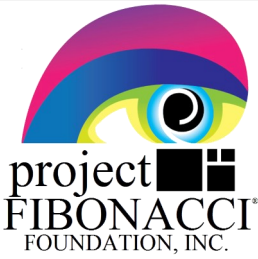
Kevin Delaney

Science Presenter & TV Personality

Dr. Mario Livio

Astrophysicist, best-selling author & popularizer of science

2019 PROJECT FIBONACCI® STEAM CONFERENCE NOMINATION

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SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS & RECOMMENDATION LETTERS TO:

EMAIL: info@projectfibonacci.org **FAX:** (315) 334-1397

MAIL: P.O. Box 424 Rome, NY 13442-0424

PART I: TO BE FILLED OUT BY STUDENT AND PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18

Student Name:	
Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy	**Gender:** Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐
Ethnicity: (Optional)	White/Caucasian ☐ Black/African American ☐ Hispanic ☐ Native American ☐ Asian ☐ Other ☐
Is English their primary language ?	Yes ☐ No ☐ Other:
Home Address:	
City, State :	**Zip:**
Nominee Email:	
Nominee Phone:	
Parent/Legal Guardian Name:	
Parent/Legal Guardian Email:	
Parent/Legal Guardian Phone:	

Has the student attended a previous Project Fibonacci® STEAM Conference?	No ☐	2018 ☐	2017 ☐	2016 ☐	Unsure ☐

Does the student receive reduced or free meals provided by the state?	Yes ☐	No ☐	Unsure ☐

PART II: TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE NOMINATOR (EDUCATOR, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, MENTOR,)	
Nominator Name:	
Relationship to Nominee:	
Nominator Email:	
School Name:	
School Street Address:	
City, State:	Zip:

Grade Level: (2019–2020)	High School Sophomore ☐	High School Junior ☐	High School Senior ☐	College Freshman ☐	College Sophomore ☐	College Junior ☐	Other: ☐

How did you hear about Project Fibonacci® ?	

Is your nominee eligible to receive partial or full scholarship funding to attend by their school?

Yes ☐   No ☐   Unsure ☐

Would their school want further information on future Project Fibonacci® events including K–12 programs and professional development events for educators?

Yes ☐   No ☐   Unsure ☐

Nominee shows aptitude or interest in the following categories:

Leadership ☐   Science ☐   Technology ☐   Engineering ☐   Arts ☐   Mathematics ☐

Music ☐   Space ☐   Video Games ☐   Sports ☐   Medicine ☐   Nature ☐

Photography ☐   Literature ☐   Research ☐   History ☐   Writing ☐   Social Media ☐

Cyber Security ☐   Politics ☐   Biology ☐   Agriculture ☐   Drones ☐   Computers ☐

Culinary Arts ☐   Environmental Science ☐   Performing Arts ☐   Design & Style ☐

Other:

Please attach a recommendation letter that provides insight to your nominees character including community service efforts, extracurricular activities, academic achievements, etc.