



IMPACT REPORT

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

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IMPACT SNAPSHOT

\$135K+

2025 Conference reinvestment back into our community by utilizing local services, hotels, presenters, venues & suppliers

570+

High school and college students have attended the Annual STEAM Leadership Conference since 2016

300+

Students in Grades Pre-K through College will participate in Project Fibonacci* Programs in 2025

30+

Educators, Business Leaders, and Community Members on the PFF Steering Committee

75+

Local Volunteers &
Presenters Support PFF
Year-Round Programs



MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER



Since our inception in 2015, the mission of the Project Fibonacci® Foundation, Inc. has been to foster an environment of learning and growth in our region, particularly within the STEM fields, and to stimulate the local STEM workforce.

Over the past decade, we have dedicated ourselves to reinvesting in our community, and we eagerly anticipate the emergence of the next generation of STEM professionals in our area, thanks to the opportunities we offer.

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Founder & Chairman of the Board

USING THE ARTS TO GROW THE STEM WORKFORCE

The Project Fibonacci® Foundation, Inc. aims to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders, scientists, artists, and thinkers by integrating the arts into STEM education. By fostering creativity and critical thinking, we seek to motivate young minds to pursue careers in STEM fields, ultimately strengthening and expanding the workforce. Our mission is to revitalize communities by nurturing a dynamic and innovative talent pool that can address the challenges of the future. Through engaging programs and initiatives, we strive to create a vibrant intersection of art and science, where diverse perspectives converge to fuel progress and drive sustainable development.

SUPPORTING THE MOHAWK VALLEY & BEYOND

The Project Fibonacci* Foundation hosts a variety of impactful programs each year, all designed to inspire the next generation of scientists, artists, and business leaders and to uplift the local economy. These programs collectively work towards building a robust and innovative community, supporting educational growth, and fostering economic development.

Our programs include:

• STEAM Leadership Conference

 A dynamic week-long event for students in grades 9-12 to explore innovative ideas, engage with STEM experts, practice networking and effective communication, and participate in hands-on, inquiry-based learning.

• ILiFT Literacy Program

 Enhances literacy skills for all ages, encouraging a love for reading and lifelong learning. For children aged 3-5, it offers families practical tips and free books to support early literacy.

• STEAM Women Rising Symposium

 An energetic event that celebrates and empowers young women to pursue STEAM careers. Featuring inspirational discussions with entrepreneurs, educators, and community leaders to motivate and guide aspiring women toward success.

Tap Into STEAM

 A community event that unites efforts to raise funds for local nonprofits while promoting STEAM education and encouraging local business and community involvement.

Innovation Camps

• Interactive camps designed to foster creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills through hands-on activities.

• ESTEAMed Speakers Series

 A collection of keynote presentations showcasing globally recognized experts and celebrity speakers, designed to motivate and empower community members and students alike.

• Educator Professional Development Days

 Aims to improve teaching methods by showcasing the latest technologies and innovative strategies. Through engaging workshops and seminars, educators gain practical skills to enhance their instruction.



ONEIDA COUNTY

- 2015-2025 Foundation Headquarters
- 2016-2025 STEAM Leadership Conference
- ESTEAMed Speakers Series & LifeSTREAM Series
- Innovation & Drone Camps
- Food Distribution Over 500 families monthly
- ILiFT Collaboration with MVCAA
- STEAM Women Rising Symposium
- Annual Tap Into STEAM Fundraiser Benefits nonprofits in Herkimer & Oneida Counties

Students have traveled from various locations, including Massachusetts, New York City, Maine, Florida, Washington, Georgia, Delaware, and even France, to participate in PFF events in Rome, NY!



FCSD Two Week Summer Innovation Camp, STEAM Conference Scholars



Diocesan Innovation Camps, STEAM Conference Scholars



BOCES Innovation Camps, STEAM Conference Scholars, Fundraising Collaborations



HCSD One Week Summer Camp, STEAM Conference Scholars



2018 IEEE EPICS Winning Team, STEAM Conference Scholars

JOIN THE STEAM INITIATIVE

Donate
Become a Sponsor
Volunteer
Present a Workshop
Join our Steering Committee
Nominate Students
Spread the Word!

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