

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

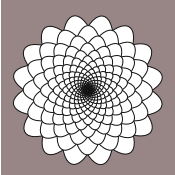


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Greetings and a Happy and Prosperous 2021!

Counting one's blessings at this time can be difficult considering what we have been through in 2020 and continue to face. The COVID-19 global pandemic tested our resilience and resolve to gain back some level of normalcy. It has been challenging. Although we remain vigilant, it is also necessary to regroup and view the future through the lens of optimism. Each of us has been affected in one way or another, but I think the experience has given us pause to reconsider life's true priorities and has aroused new perspectives. We have little choice but to endure while honoring our neighbors, family, friends, dear souls, and survivors most impacted.

Learn, grow, and endure in spirit...and always remember!

Our hearts go out to everyone affected by the pandemic, either directly or indirectly. The Project Fibonacci® Foundation is indebted to the frontline health care workers, emergency first responders, and educators who despite the risks, endured for the greater good. Our foundation's 2020 program and community efforts are dedicated to them and to the elderly and underserved, the many small businesses including restaurants and meal services that have been so significantly affected, and the medical researchers who have worked tirelessly to fight an insidious virus on multiple fronts.

Indeed, the pandemic has diminished the foundation's community outreach efforts and our ability to engage with stakeholders. It has certainly stalled our attempts at launching the many diverse 2020 STEAM programs particularly, the summer STEAM conference—an annual tradition that Rome and the greater Mohawk Valley eagerly expect. Meanwhile, the steering committee has been working feverishly to reconfigure programs and fill the gaps through virtual offerings and other formats remotely and safely. Moreover, we remain undaunted and steadfast in our resolve to maintain the tradition of sponsoring valuable, high-quality STEAM programs in cooperation with our sponsors, volunteers, and the many community supporters.

I wish to acknowledge and thank our 2020 sponsors ANDRO Computational Solutions LLC, Bob and Kathy Bojanek, Carbone Foundation, Charles & Florence Kaplan Foundation, Copper City Brewing Co., Jim and Anita Dulak, Hannaford Supermarket, Hazen B. Hinman Foundation, Rome Community Foundation, Shoreline Group, WKAL, and the many individuals who privately contributed or anonymously donated through the Project Fibonacci® website, Facebook, and Amazon Smile. Their contributions were used to secure guest speakers and pursue novel STEAM leadership learning initiatives to fill the gaps caused by recent events.

Our income and financial outlook, although modest for 2020, remained positive allowing for a surplus and enabling us to carry out the foundation's mission of achieving youth STEAM leadership education, promoting entrepreneurialism, and catalyzing community resurgence. The annual report gives a retrospective of our 2020 programs and financial status with a glimpse into 2021's programs. The foundation strives to reinvest in local organizations by assisting our STEAM partners and community neighbors in their fundraising initiatives and special-event drives as part of our mission for community resurgence. This includes our sponsorship and contribution support to the Genesis Group, Sculpture Space, Capitol Theatre, Catholic Schools Association of Rome, and the Food Bank of Central New York.

The lens of optimism...embrace new perspectives and manage challenges.

In closing, "STEAM" is a way of blending and interconnecting things. It acts as a glue. STEAM curates diversities of perspectives and enrichment prompting fresh ideas. Consider the words of the young philosopher Goodie Barber who said, *When the glue gets brittle and cracks, there's always more glue.*

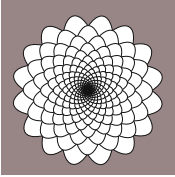
I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous 2021! Stay positive, keep the faith, and be the glue!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew L. Drozd'.

Dr. Andrew L. Drozd
Chairman & Acting Executive Director
The Project Fibonacci® Foundation, Inc.





The Project Fibonacci® Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization (EIN: 81-5327035) dedicated to STEAM education as a catalyst for workforce preparedness and economic growth.

We provide a series of immersive learning programs on STEAM leadership in cooperation with local schools, businesses, and non-profit organizations. Our year-round initiative is focused on using STEAM education as a catalyst and driver for workforce preparedness and economic redevelopment.

We believe that people with a well-rounded education make for a better prepared workforce, which is attractive to employers and inspires innovation and entrepreneurial startups that results in the sustainability of a community.



After considerable thought, the foundation regrettably decided to reschedule all planned events in 2020, which included:

- The 5th Annual STEAM Leadership Conference
- Drone Camps
- Speakers Series
- *A Symphonic Tribute to the Music of Paul McCartney-*
A Benefit Concert Featuring Tony Kishman
- Fundraiser Events

The health and safety of our scholars, volunteers, and presenters are of the utmost priority. The theme for the next STEAM Leadership Conference continues to be *Climate Adaptation and Sustainability of the Earth and its Oceans*. Looking ahead to 2021, we have been exploring virtual ways of supporting our local students, educators, and community members and will continue to fulfill our mission amidst the pandemic.

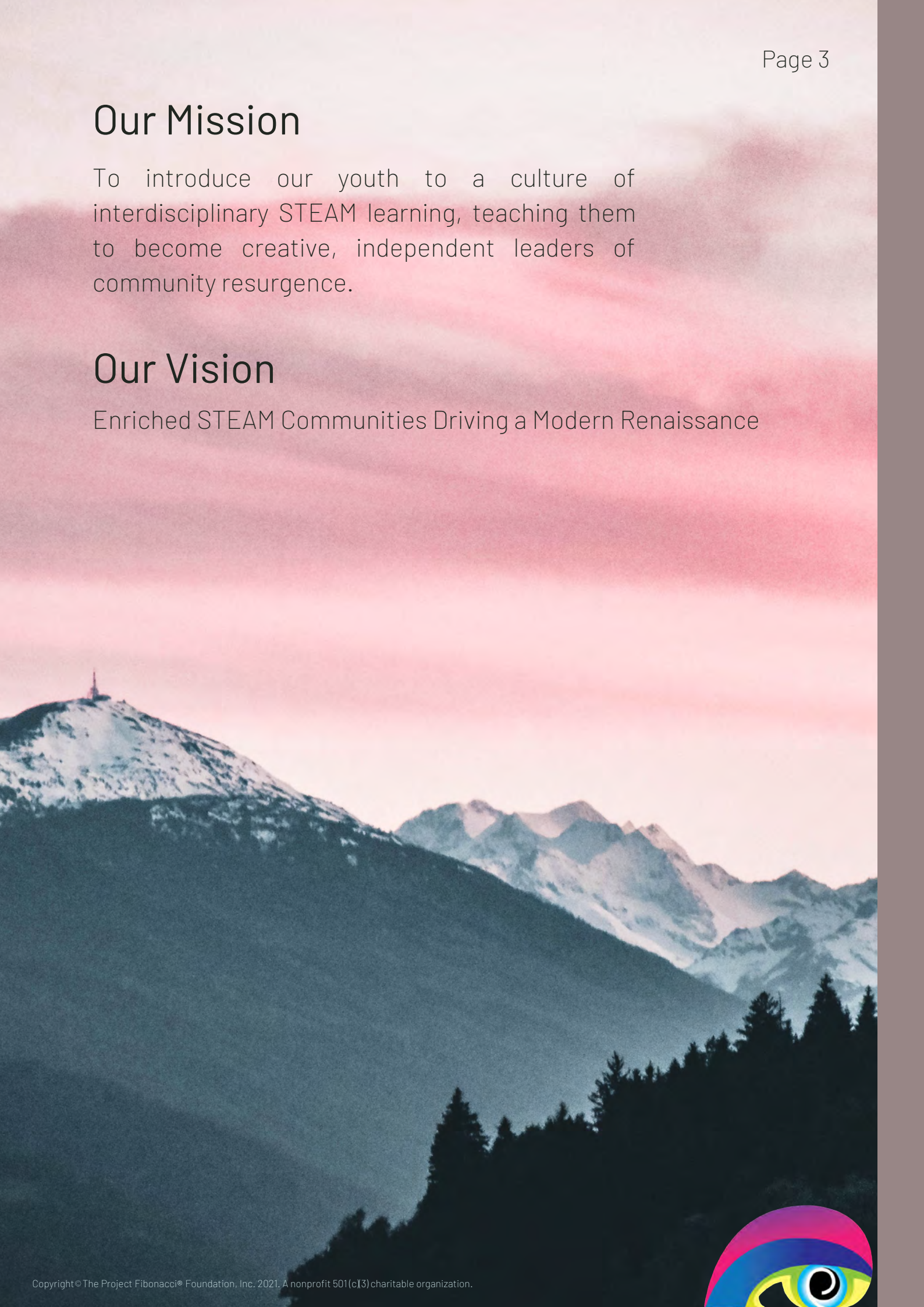


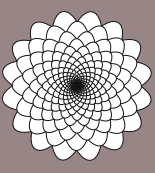
Our Mission

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





Board Members & Trustees



Dr. Andrew L. Drozd

Founder, Chairman & Acting Executive Director



Maria Smith

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Steering Committee Co-Chairperson



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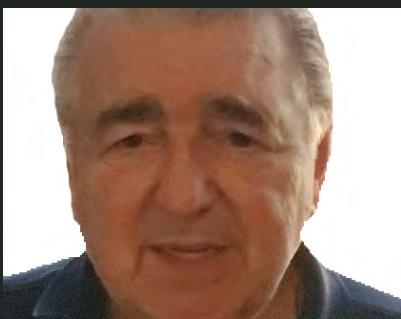
Steering Committee Representative



Thomas Benjamin

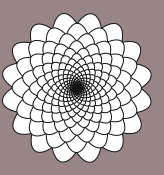
Treasurer

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Carmen Luvera

At-Large



Dr. Debbie Berebichez

Dr. Debbie Berebichez is a physicist, TV host, and data scientist. She is the first Mexican woman to graduate with a Ph.D. in physics from Stanford University and is a STEAM advocate. Dr. Berebichez is the co-host of *Outrageous Acts of Science* and has been seen on the Travel Channel, NOVA, CNN, FOX, MSNBC and more.



Dr. Alex Filippenko

Dr. Alex Filippenko is one of the world's most highly cited astronomers and is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences. He has appeared in more than 100 TV documentaries and is the author of *The Cosmos: Astronomy in the New Millennium*.



Christine McKinley

Christine McKinley is a mechanical engineer, musician, and author. Her musical *Gracie and the Atom* won a Portland Drammy for Original Score. She is the author of *Physics for Rockstars* and hosted *Brad Meltzer's Decoded* and *Under New York* on the History Channel.



Dr. David Eagleman

David Eagleman is a neuroscientist, an internationally bestselling author, and the creator of the PBS television series, *The Brain*. He is also an adjunct professor at Stanford University.



Kevin Delaney

Kevin Delaney is a performer, playwright, and educator that has presented several science demonstrations on television programs including *The Rachel Ray Show* and *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*. Kevin was also the host of *Street Science* on the Science Channel.



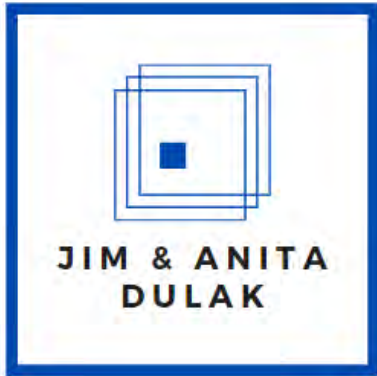
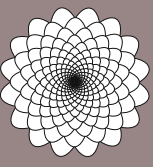
Brandy Schillace, MA, Ph.D.

Author and historian Brandy Schillace works at the intersections of medicine, history, technology and literature. Her recent publications include *Death's Summer Coat* and *Clockwork Futures*. She serves as the Editor-in-chief of the Medical Humanities Journal.

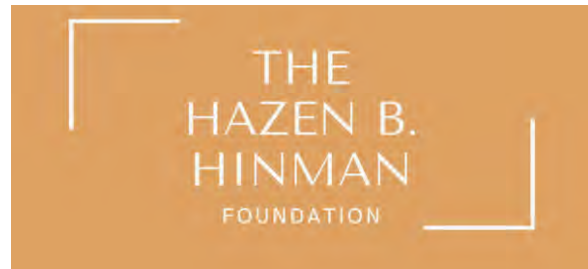


John Norgard

John Norgard is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Colorado. He is the Chief Engineer for E3/JETS at NASA/JSC supporting the maintenance of the International Space Station and the development and testing of the Orion Spacecraft for deep-space exploration.



The Shoreline Group



The Project Fibonacci® Foundation, Inc. is incredibly thankful to its 2020 sponsors, donors, and supporters. We know that 2020 was a year of uncertainty and hardship for most, and we are grateful for those that helped continue our vision of Enriched STEAM Communities Driving a Modern Renaissance.



FIRST SOURCE
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A special thank you to Hannaford and Copper City Brewing Company for selecting Project Fibonacci® for their pint fundraiser. To celebrate opening their new Rome location, Hannaford donated \$1 to Project Fibonacci® for each pint sold at CCBC during June 2020, resulting in a total donation of \$2,600!



The Project Fibonacci® Foundation realized a net surplus of \$18,901 in 2020. The surplus represents carryover funds that could not be obligated in 2020 and that will be used to defray future STEAM conference speaker fees and related event expenses. The financial breakdown of 2020 income, expenses, and net surplus are presented next (Note: all figures below are rounded to the nearest dollar).

INCOME

Event Registrations

(Drone Camps, Annual Conference, LifeSTREAM Series, Other)

Drone Camps	Restricted	\$3,725
<i>Herkimer BOCES</i>		
STEAM Conference	Restricted	\$4,500
<i>Pre-Registration</i>		
<i>Utica College</i>		
Clarkson College First	Restricted	\$1,000
<i>Robotics Competition</i>		
<i>Carbone Foundation</i>		

Sponsorships

STEAM Speakers Series	Restricted	\$20,000
<i>Jim & Anita Dulak</i>		

Nonprofit & Corporate Grants

Equipment	Restricted	\$4,989
<i>Rome Community Foundation</i>		

General Donations

<i>Charles & Florence Kaplan Foundation</i>	Unrestricted	\$3,000
<i>Hannaford Supermarkets*</i>	Unrestricted	\$2,600
<i>Hazen B. Hinman Foundation</i>	Unrestricted	\$3,000
<i>Online Contributions</i>	Unrestricted	\$436

*In cooperation with Copper City Brewing Co.

Total Restricted Income \$34,214

Total Unrestricted Income \$9,036

Total Income \$43,250

EXPENSES

STEAM Events

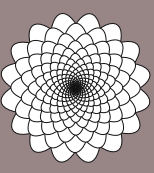
(Drone Camps, Annual Conference, LifeSTREAM Series, Other)

Accounting Services	\$750
Advertising/Promotion	\$336
Contracted/Other Services <i>(Website, Photocopies, etc.)</i>	\$406
Speaker Deposits	\$7,000
Supplies	\$4,198
Incidentals/Miscellaneous	\$225
Instructor Stipends/Honoraria	\$8,070
Postage	\$387
Affiliations/Memberships/ Sponsorships/Donations	\$2,976
<i>Sculpture Space</i>	\$1,500
<i>Genesis Group</i>	\$1,250
<i>Rome Chamber</i>	\$126
<i>Rome Catholic Schools Association</i>	\$100

Total Expenses \$24,349

2020 Net Surplus /2021 Carryover \$18,901

The Project Fibonacci® Foundation, Inc. has enlisted the support of D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP for annual CPA services on behalf of tax reporting and independent audits for IRS and New York State taxation purposes. All financial data including exemptions are provided to D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP for annual review and tax filing and are subject to audit. This includes the Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations (CHAR500) reports.

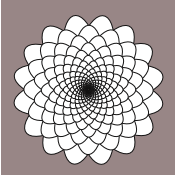


The Project Fibonacci® Foundation has seen continued growth in its support from both private and corporate sponsorships as well as grant funding. In 2019, we received over \$20,000 including funding from First Source Federal Credit Union for five drone camps that remain unscheduled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We also were the top vote receiver for the Community Foundation's "Community Choice Awards" which provided \$10,000 in additional funding. In 2020, we were on track for another successful grant season when the COVID -19 pandemic hit. Until 2020, most of Project Fibonacci's efforts with our stakeholders were interpersonal in nature through our flagship event, the annual STEAM Leadership Conference. The pandemic significantly impacted grant pursuits, shifting the focus to alternative program planning, including pandemic relief initiatives. The foundation was awarded two grants by the Rome Community Foundation specifically directed at purchasing audio and visual equipment.



Project Fibonacci® has, in part, refocused its efforts to provide assistance with food distribution. The foundation has also been working to create virtual STEAM education to serve students, parents, and educators. The grants received in 2020 allowed us to create unique educational modules that can be shared virtually via our website and social media.

Thank You to the Rome Community Foundation!



Bits for Bites - COVID Relief Campaign Spring 2020

BITS FOR BITES



Together, we can do our part to address the economic impact of the pandemic on our small businesses and support those in need. Working with nonprofits directly supporting our first responders, our nonprofit partners will purchase gift cards for their constituency on our behalf. It's a win-win; the gift cards provide cash flow to restaurants and meals to the front line.

S T E A M

Support for
Community

Teamwork through
Community Coalition

Emergency
Management Support

Assisting Healthcare &
First Responders

Medical Professionals
on the Front Line

Bringing Together a Community Summer-Fall 2020

Project Fibonacci® partnered with St. John the Baptist Church and The Food Bank of CNY for a series of food distribution events to combat the impact of COVID-19 on our local community and families.

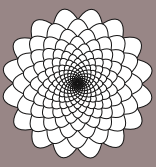
"Well, if you look at everyone who is affected by this pandemic...it's not normal. You've got people who have never expected to be laid off in their lives. You've got people who are homeless and you've got the entire demographic of the Rome-Utica area, really affected by this pandemic," -- Bob Bojanek





Helping Those in Need





Sculpture Space CHAIRity Auction Sponsor

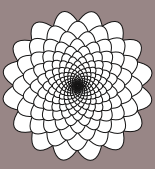
Now more than ever our art communities need the support of organizations like the Project Fibonacci® Foundation to keep the A in STEAM alive. We were proud to support Sculpture Space and the 2020 CHAIRity Art Auction in September to benefit our incredible local art community.



Black History Month Sponsor

The Project Fibonacci® Foundation was a proud sponsor of Black History Month at the Rome Capitol Theatre.





Drone Camp Teaches STEAM Concepts to Students

February 12, 2020, *Observer Dispatch*

The Project Fibonacci® Foundation hosted a drone camp at Frankfort-Schuyler Junior High School. Besides Frankfort-Schuyler, participants included students from the VP-TECH program at Herkimer BOCES and Bellamy Elementary School in the Rome City School District. Maria Smith, Educational Programs Advisor with Project Fibonacci®, said drone camps can teach children components of STEAM education. "At drone camp, kids are learning how to manually fly drones safely and legally, how to program them, learning about aerodynamics and more."



Drone Opportunities Available for Area Schools

February 23, 2020, *Rome Sentinel*

The drone camps, created and instructed by Project Fibonacci® Educational Programs Advisor Maria Smith and her team, bring hands-on learning to classrooms, the announcement said. Students learn coding, programming, aeronautics, and flight as well as FAA laws and regulations. Students then put the learned skills to the test; taking off, picking up objects, and dropping them in another location, plus obstacles and landing are all part of basic drone knowledge.



Good Deeds: Locals Helping Out During the Pandemic

August 9, 2020, *Observer Dispatch*

Hannaford Supermarkets and Copper City Brewing Company of Rome recently presented a \$2,600 donation to The Project Fibonacci® Foundation at the Rome Hannaford store. The donation is the result of a partnership between Hannaford and Copper City Brewing Company in celebration of the new Rome store, which opened in June. For every beer sold at Copper City Brewing Company from June 20 through July 4, Hannaford donated \$1 to The Project Fibonacci® Foundation.



Rome Science Hall of Fame Inductee: Project Fibonacci® Founder

August 9, 2020, *Rome Sentinel*

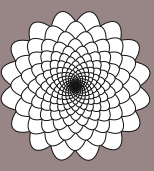
As the City of Rome marks its 150th anniversary this year, some of that history is saluted in the Rome Science Hall of Fame, which since its creation in 2007 has inducted 32 area persons for substantial achievements in areas of science. It has been "honoring people from throughout Rome's 150 years," said Paul Phister, president of the Rome Academy of Sciences which created the hall of fame.



Rome Community Foundation Funds Aid Three Area Organizations

October 9, 2020, *Rome Sentinel*

The Rome Community Foundation awarded \$8,000 in grants to three Rome area charitable organizations during its third-quarter round of 2020 disbursements. The Project Fibonacci® Foundation received a total of \$4,989 for audio-visual equipment.



Herkimer BOCES Sixth Grade Honors Program

January 2020

Project Fibonacci® returned for a second year to Herkimer BOCES for this event. Twenty-four students and their teachers engaged in learning to fly mini-drones (and fix them when they crashed), aerodynamics training by playing "Drone BINGO", and a drone relay race competition. Project Fibonacci® was scheduled to return in January 2021, but in response to COVID-19, this will be further delayed.



Frankfort-Schuyler Middle School

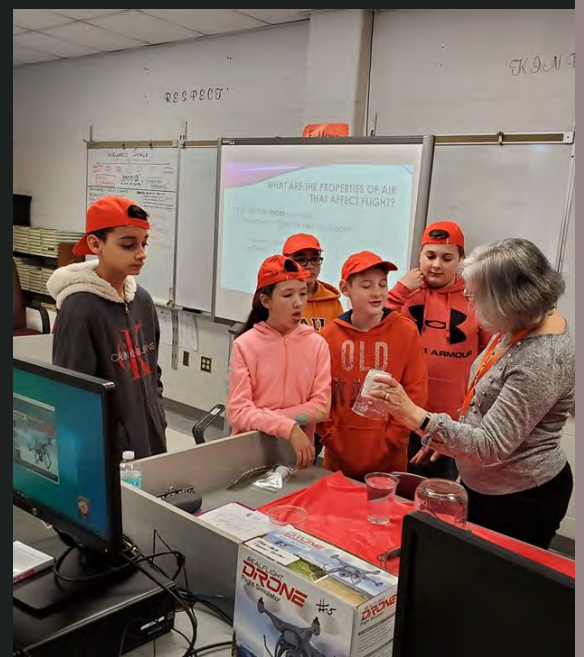
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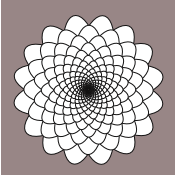
Three teams of students from Frankfort-Schuyler, Rome, and Herkimer BOCES participated in the first in a series of drone camps fully funded by First Source Federal Credit Union. A total of 18 students in grades 6-9 and their teachers participated in a fun day of learning how to fly drones manually and program them for a flight path down the halls of the school. They also played "Drone BINGO" learning about how drones can be used and the aerodynamics of flight.





GATHERED AT DRONE CAMP – Among those at a February 11 drone camp included students from Frankfort-Schuyler Junior High School, Bellamy Elementary School in Rome, and Herkimer BOCES VP-TECH (Valley Pathways in Technology Early College High School) including the Central Valley and Herkimer school districts. Also at the camp, were Project Fibonacci® Educational Programs Advisor Maria Smith and the Project Fibonacci® team plus First Source FCU President and CEO Tom Neumann and the First Source team.





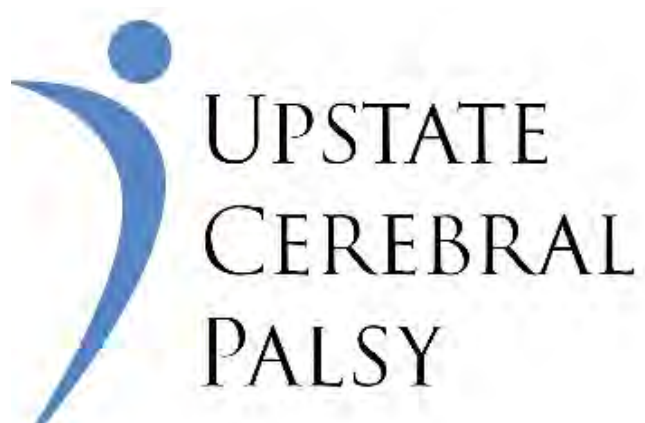
Upstate Cerebral Palsy

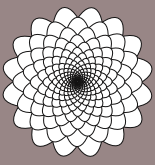
Project Fibonacci® has teamed up with Upstate Cerebral Palsy (UCP) to bring Drone Innovation Camps to the Rome and Utica Tradewinds campuses. Planned for 2020 but delayed by COVID-19 restrictions until 2021, we will be working with the staff of UCP to bring Drone Camps to developmentally disabled students.

Many of these students will seek employment in the future and look to expand their skills in coding, technology, and collaborative project-based learning. Led by Maria Smith and Barb Welch-Drozdz, we feel that sharing our drone training will allow them to step into future opportunities in STEAM-related fields and gain valuable experience in technology.

Key elements of the program include:

- How engineering workable solutions require collaboration, persistence, and productive struggle
- Learning the basic controls for flying drones using control pads
- Safe manual operation of mini-drones
- How to program flight paths for a mini-drone using coding programs
- Practicing manual flight, working as a team, and managing challenges





Fibonacci in Nature Presentation

Members of the Project Fibonacci® Foundation team worked together to produce an informative and educational video to benefit the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Inc. and their event, *Girls Love NYS Parks!* Our team shared the importance of the Fibonacci sequence and how to find examples in nature, even in our own backyards.



Genesis Group

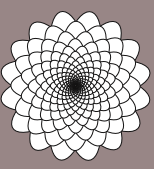
In 2020, The Project Fibonacci® Foundation, Inc. became a proud sponsor and supporter of the Genesis Group. The Genesis Group consists of community volunteers that unite individuals and organizations dedicated to adaptive leadership to meet new challenges and create a positive impact in the Mohawk Valley.



Rome Area Chamber of Commerce

In 2020, the foundation continued its support with the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce. The Rome Chamber provides businesses and organizations with advocacy, community promotion, and encourages economic growth in Rome since 1912.





Since March 2020, the Project Fibonacci® Facebook page has reached approximately 2,000 people daily. This platform provides resources for those in need of food and education, COVID-19 safety updates, and links for maintaining mental health during this time. Links are provided to educational outlets for parents, teachers, and students including virtual field trips, innovative developments in STEAM leadership, and tips and tricks for virtual learning.



The Project Fibonacci® Instagram page has become a popular forum for gaining new followers and exchanging ideas.

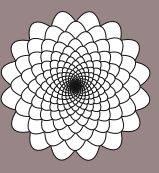


Our LinkedIn page has reached out to professionals in the world of STEAM education--over 500 new connections since March 2020. News links to STEAM leaders all over the US, Canada, Europe and many other countries have become followers and are excited to share information with us.

Follow our social media pages, share links and information, and invite friends to follow. With your help, we achieve our vision of *Enriched STEAM Communities Driving a Modern Renaissance!*

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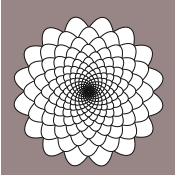




With the health and safety of all participants as our utmost priority, we have developed exciting initiatives for 2021 to help motivate and enlighten students, teachers, parents, and community members during these challenging times. Throughout 2020, the foundation has developed plans, programs and new initiatives which are described in the following pages.

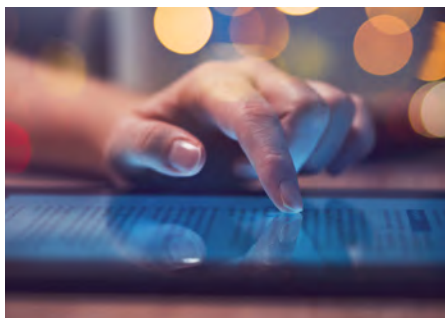
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STEAM News Network

The Project Fibonacci® Foundation, Inc. is excited to launch a new and improved YouTube channel in 2021 to further motivate and enlighten our followers. Our team is developing a STEAM News Network and will conduct in-person interviews, educational videos, on-site tours of local STEAM facilities and much more.



The Science of History & Politics Series

Project Fibonacci®'s newest initiative is aimed at assisting students, teachers, and the general public in thinking more clearly and critically about American history and the founding of our democratic republic, including our framing documents, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. This unbiased series will be hosted by an award-winning US History teacher, Mr. Gary Ford, and will tie together concepts in the science of politics, history and government policy.



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On the Horizon Continued

Rube Goldberg Contest

Rube Goldberg contraptions are highly entertaining "over-engineered" machines that accomplish a simple task, like petting a dog or watering a plant. They utilize simple machines (levers, screws, inclined planes, etc.) which set into motion chain reactions.

The contest will be for students in grades Pre-K through 12. Students will design and build machines and record videos showing them in action posted to our Facebook page. The teams whose devices achieve their desired objectives and receive the most votes will be eligible for a cash prize.

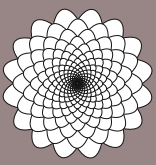
Currently, we are seeking professional teams from the local area to compete in this contest.



Interested in participating?

Contact Maria: msmith@projectfibonacci.org





A Symphonic Tribute to the Music of Paul McCartney- Benefit Concert Featuring Tony Kishman

We are excited to announce *A Symphonic Tribute to the Music of Paul McCartney*, a Benefit Concert featuring the multi-talented musician and performer, Tony Kishman.



Singer and Recording artist, Tony Kishman, is the creator and bandleader of "*Live and Let Die*," a full multimedia experience celebrating the music of Paul McCartney and featuring multi-talented musicians. Tony starred for 6 years in both the national and international tours of Broadway's smash hit musical, '*Beatlemania*' and also performs in the International Symphonic Beatles production, '*Classical Mystery Tour*'.

This event will be scheduled based on the COVID-19 impact of 2021.
Follow us on Facebook for Updates



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A Project Fibonacci® Literacy Program

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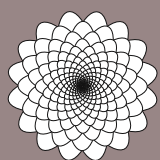


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INCLUSION

Coming Soon in 2021!

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On the Horizon Continued

I LifT Literacy Program

The Project Fibonacci® Foundation is developing a literacy initiative, I LifT, to improve literacy skills by providing books to our earliest learners, 3-5 year-olds, as basic literacy skills are the precursors to developing creativity and imagination and the ongoing skills needed in adulthood that are essential to future careers in STEAM and beyond.

The program will focus on geographic areas needing increased literacy support by providing books every month during the year through established relationships with Head Start programs and school districts to ensure accurate distribution of books.

Literacy difficulties create educational disadvantages leading to social and economic disparities. The single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school (National Commission on Reading, 1985). Children with greater access to books and other print materials express more enjoyment of books, reading, and academics (Children's Access to Print Material and Education-Related Outcomes). Books provided to children will include a variety of topics including those that address equity and diversity.

An expanded Project Fibonacci® literacy effort will collaborate with community-based organizations to establish funding and to connect to STEAM disciplines.

The Community Clue Quest

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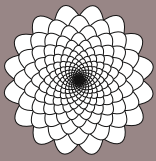
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Community Clue Quest

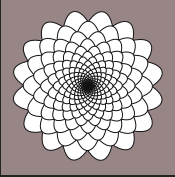
Members of the Project Fibonacci® team have developed a fun project to help support local restaurants and spread our brand throughout the community.

The Community Clue Quest will be a series of scavenger hunt contests in 2021 to support Rome restaurants and businesses by shopping locally. Participants can earn entries by finding QR codes in the community, by solving weekly puzzles, and by supporting Project Fibonacci® on social media. Winners of the Community Clue Quest will receive cash prizes and gift cards from local businesses.



Information on the launch date of the first Community Clue Quest will be announced on Facebook in Spring 2021.





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 that helps scholars to become more creative in their thought process while learning the importance and connection between leadership and teamwork. STEAM Scholars are introduced to cutting edge innovations and are encouraged to reach further in their academic and career pursuits.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation decided to postpone the 5th Annual STEAM Leadership Conference that was to take place in the summer of 2020. The foundation identified alternative formats for the STEAM Leadership Conference with the safety of participants of utmost importance as well as our efforts to continue valuable STEAM education in our communities. Identified conference alternatives include:



Virtual Pods

Virtual teams of 6-10 scholars with experts delivering content to teams on a scheduled basis.



Hybrid Pods

A mix of virtual and on-site meetings with virtual content delivered by experts.



STEAM Seminars

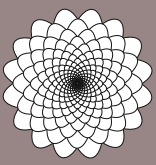
In-person weekend seminars with small groups.



On-Site Conference

Climate Adaptation and Sustainability of the Earth and its Oceans

The health and safety of our STEAM Scholars, volunteers, and presenters will always be our main priority. As a result, all alternative options will continue to be carefully examined throughout 2021.



Speakers Series

The curriculum has been developed and focuses primarily on the sustainability of agriculture/food supply, Earth's ecosystems, the fashion industry and manufacturing, and various other topics on climate change.

Keynote speakers will include:



Dr. Anthony Leiserowitz

Program Director on Climate Change Communication; Senior Research Scientist of Forestry & Environmental Studies at Yale University.



"Science Bob" Pflugfelder

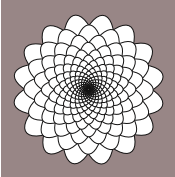
Teacher, maker, author and science presenter as seen on ABC's Jimmy Kimmel Live, Live with Kelly & Ryan, The Dr. Oz Show, and Nickelodeon.



Dr. Robert Hazen

Author, mineralogist, astrobiologist, and a research scientist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington's Geophysical Laboratory and Clarence Robinson Professor of Earth Science at George Mason University.

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Nominate

Nominate qualified students to attend future Project Fibonacci® events, including the annual STEAM Leadership Conference.



Donate

Donations are the best way to benefit the Project Fibonacci® Foundation and ensure its continued success and growth. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, all donations are fully tax-deductible.



Volunteer

Each year, over 70 volunteers, NYS Certified teachers and professionals working in STEAM fields have supported our initiative with their time and talents.



Become a Presenter

Host a future workshop or become a guest on the STEAM News Network.



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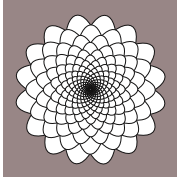
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Thomas Levi Benjamin

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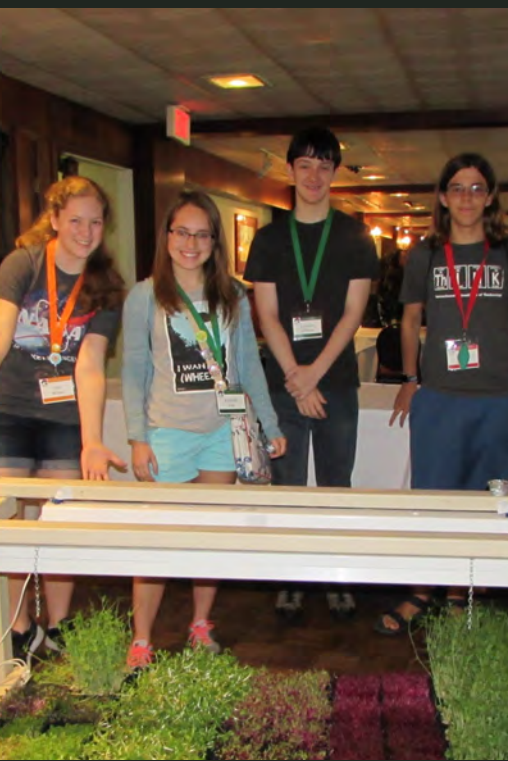
Family, friends, and acquaintances of Thomas Benjamin were stunned and saddened by the news of his untimely passing due to an auto accident on February 2, 2021. Tom was the embodiment of all that we prize and value in an individual, from a warm and gentle personality to a caring, dedicated worker and dependable friend. He was always kind, loyal, generous, and thoughtful. We will miss his sense of humor and all the joy he brought us.

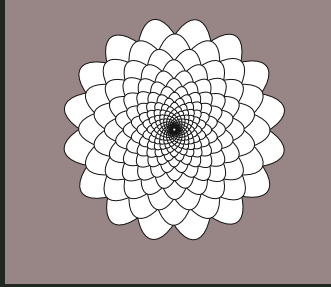
Tom was Director of Business Operations at ANDRO Computational Solutions, LLC in Rome, NY. He also served as a Board Trustee and Treasurer of the nonprofit Project Fibonacci® Foundation, Inc. since 2015 and was instrumental in its formation. His dedication and knowledge contributed greatly to ANDRO's growth and the foundation's success over the years.

Tom was a proud father and husband, a passionate Minnesota Vikings fan, a walking encyclopedia of movie quotations, a good-natured prankster, and an all-around friend to everyone and anyone he encountered. We keep his family in our thoughts and sentiments during this difficult time and extend our deepest sympathies to all who knew him. He will be truly missed but will never be forgotten.

The family has requested that his memory be honored by considering a donation made out to *Education Funds for Tom's Sons* addressed to the same at 700 Rutger Street, Utica, NY 13501.

Thank you, Tom. Rest in peace.





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