

Innovation 5

Update **May 13, 2013**

Thank you for your interest in the Innovation 5 project at Impression 5 Science Center.

This is the fourth of occasional updates we will be providing to keep you up to date on our progress- which, so far, has been really exciting. We have received strong positive feedback across the region as we meet with those looking for support to improve our region's economy through innovation and inspiring a new generation of STEM-focused students.

Meet our student project planning team!

We have had great success in recruiting a very diverse and motivated student team to develop our project plan this summer under our [Center for Regional Innovation Co-Learning project](#) sponsored by the the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development and the US Economic Development Agency. We have students who from LCC and from MSU with interests in engineering, media, communications, early childhood education, community development and more. We are very excited about the project and look forward to an extremely productive summer. We are grateful to the Center as well as to [SpartanInnovations](#) and [Lyman Briggs College](#) at MSU for the support of our team.

You can find photos and brief biographies of our team members at our website [Innovation 5](#)

Innovation 5 Conference Presentation

Our paper entitled "Blending Innovation, Student Co-Learning, Entrepreneurship and Informal Education – Innovation 5" has been accepted for the [2013 ASQ Advancing the STEM Agenda Conference](#) to be held in Grand Rapids, MI June 3-4 2013. The paper is available [here](#) . Hope to see you there.

GLEQ Social Entrepreneurship Challenge

The Innovation 5 team is competing in the [2013 Social Entrepreneurship Challenge](#) sponsored by the [Great Lakes Entrepreneurship Quest](#) and [Michigan Corps](#). This is a good opportunity for us to get some regional exposure and to receive expert feedback on our ideas at this early stage. There are cash prizes available, too - stay tuned.

Stakeholder meeting

We attended a recent stakeholder meeting facilitated by [Prima Civitas](#) to bring together those interested in entrepreneurial support in the region. The meeting was a good opportunity to meet and talk about mutual interests and needs. The group agreed that there was real potential in a regional collaborative effort and meetings will continue to bring this about.

Please contact us through www.innovation5.org if you have any support, suggestions or additional contacts that would help us advance this project.

Feel free to forward this email as well!

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