STATEWIDE UPDATES

NV STEAM Conference
The Nevada Museum of Art and the Desert Research Institute hosted over 500 educators for the NV STEAM Virtual Conference Feb 3-6. The theme of this year’s conference centered around the concept of Design Thinking. Keynote speakers included ASU Professors Danah Henrikson and Punya Mishrah, Artist Paul Miller, and The Studio @ JPL Specialists Dan Goods, Lizbeth De La Torre, and Kat Park. Educators walked away inspired to incorporate STEAM teaching practices into their workplace. Workshops included ‘The Art of Science’ exploring how to bring fossils to life through drawing and “In a Galaxy Far Far Away,” exploring the use of Foley sounds in theatre and movies. This was the 7th annual Conference and the largest gathering to date. More information can be found at www.nvsteam.org

Nevada Computer Science Summit 2021
Join the three Regional Professional Development Programs in Nevada for their statewide Nevada Computer Science Summit 2021 - “Elevating CS to the Next Level”. This virtual summit is for all K-12 administrators, counselors, educators, and higher education partners who are implementing CS in preservice teacher prep programs. National keyotes, breakout sessions, exhibitor hall, and raffle prizes you won’t want to miss!

Registration can be found here: bit.ly/2021-cs-summit

REGIONAL UPDATES
Southern Nevada News
Friends of the Nevada State Museum

Southern Nevada educators will benefit from the new STEM focused travelling trunks produced by the Nevada State Museum. Through a 2020 Nevada STEM Network grant the museum developed 2 new Eco Challenge trunks and 2 Artifacts and Fossils trunks available for check out by any Southern Nevada educator. Trunks are expected to reach 1000 students each year and are aligned to the Nevada Academic Content Standards for Science. For more information or to check out a trunk email their curator for education.

Northwestern Nevada News
Sierra Nevada Journeys

Sierra Nevada Journeys is a non-profit organization designed to deliver innovative, outdoor science-based programs for youth. With the onset of COVID, their programs needed to undergo some immediate tweaking, something that was made possible through funding from the Nevada STEM Network 2020 Grants. As such, the Sierra Nevada Journeys virtual classroom is going strong, providing programming for 92 teachers statewide and 3,000+ students. Information can be found at: sierranevadajourneys.org

Rural Nevada News
BuildNV Core Construction Training

BuildNV Core Construction is an 80-hour program geared towards training workers in construction, building maintenance, and similar trades. The program was funded in 2020 by the Rural Nevada STEM Network, Nevada Builders Alliance, Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority, Lithium Nevada, and Great Basin College. It rapidly expanded thanks to businesses and organizations recognizing the need for a skilled workforce in rural Nevada especially once COVID-19 hit. More information about this program can be found

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