



GOVERNOR'S STEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Rockwell Collins donates \$35,000 gift to Governor's STEM Advisory Council

Investment deepens three-year partnership with STEM Council

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – The Iowa Governor's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Advisory Council has received more support from an industry partner this month.

Rockwell Collins pledged \$35,000 to the state's STEM initiative that builds student interest and achievement in STEM career fields. The Corporation has a long and distinguished history of support for programs with emphasis on STEM education and youth development for more than 25 years and has played a pioneering and sustaining role with the STEM Council since its launch in 2011.

"At Rockwell Collins we value our partnership with the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council and believe our STEM investments are essential to developing the next generation of engineers and innovators," said Martha May, President of the Rockwell Collins Charitable Corporation. "I'm so proud of the Rockwell Collins employees and retirees that spend hundreds of hours mentoring students participating in Scale-Up Programs like FIRST Tech Challenge, sharing with them the amazing career opportunities at high-tech companies, like Rockwell Collins, right here at home."

The company's gift will help support future STEM events, conferences and programming promotion, including the annual statewide STEM conference, STEM at the Capitol, STEM at the State Fair and Code.org's "Hour of Code" campaign set to launch during Computer Science Education Week in early December.

"Iowa's STEM Council is a living example of the power of public-private partnerships in getting things done for the children of our state," said Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, co-chair of STEM Council. "Rockwell Collins has been there with us since the beginning out of recognition that their future success depends on proper STEM education in Iowa, and it's an honor to partner with them to help ensure that future for young Iowans."

Vermeer President and CEO Mary Andringa, who co-chairs the Governor's STEM Advisory Council alongside Lt. Gov. Reynolds, observed that the Rockwell Collins gift is a superb model for all Iowa companies.

"Business partners are a major factor in the equation that has led to the early success of Iowa's statewide STEM efforts," Andringa said. "The priceless time, talent and treasures devoted to STEM by companies like Rockwell Collins speak volumes about their commitment to youth, to Iowa and to the thriving economy we all depend upon."

It is the leadership across industry and education sectors that enable the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council to deliver on the promise of STEM-literate and post-secondary ready graduates. The Council oversees the scale-up of high-quality STEM education programs to students across the state, as well as a public awareness campaign, a new STEM teaching license, model classrooms focused on STEM and school-business partnerships in applied STEM learning and more. Additional information on Council programs is available at www.iowaSTEM.gov.

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About the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council

Established in July 2011 by executive order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership focused on increasing student interest and achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and promoting STEM economic development. The Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready path, regain our state's historic leadership position in education, and provide a vital competitive economic advantage. The 45-member Council is chaired by Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and Vermeer Corp. CEO Mary Andringa. For more information, visit www.iowaSTEM.gov.

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