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Gov. Reynolds Announces Peggy A. Whitson as Keynote Speaker for 2019 Future Ready Iowa-STEM Summit

DES MOINES - Today, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced that Peggy A. Whitson, space and science consultant and former astronaut, will be the afternoon keynote speaker for the Governor's 2019 Future Ready Iowa Summit titled "STEM Education + Workplace Partnerships."

The statewide event, which is open to the public, will take place on Tuesday, April 30, at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. The Governor's STEM Advisory Council will host the event.

"Peggy's life work has created a legacy for future generations of women in Iowa, across the U.S. and around the globe. I'm delighted she will join us to talk about her incredible story and the transformational power of STEM education," said Gov. Reynolds.

The summit agenda includes remarks by the Governor, Lt. Governor Adam Gregg, Pallavi Verma, senior managing director U.S. -Midwest for Accenture, and Iowa leaders in business, labor and education. It also includes an interactive speed showcase of work-based learning partnerships with employers, students and educators. In addition, Gov. Reynolds will announce the names of six high-poverty elementary schools selected to receive a total of \$300,000 in grants (\$50,000 each) through the Computer Science is Elementary Project.

Registration for the Summit is now open and additional information can be found at <https://iowastem.gov/2019STEMsummit>.

View the summit's agenda [here](#).

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About the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council

Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, companies and Iowa students and families addressing policies and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain our State's historic leadership position in education, and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 50-member STEM Council is chaired by Governor Kim Reynolds and Accumold President and CEO Roger Hargens. For more information, visit www.iowaSTEM.gov.