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## **Sacramento Regional Fair Foundation Launches STEM Mentoring Program**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Today, the Sacramento Regional Science & Engineering Fair Foundation (SRSEFF) launched a pilot mentoring program aimed at inspiring young minds in Sacramento County through hands on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning.

The **Regional STEM Mentoring Program** will pair trained mentors with students at five Sacramento area schools. Each week, the mentors will work in after school programs to expose students to the everyday jobs of local scientists, engineers and other technical experts. The goal is to provide students with information about the various STEM careers available to them. The mentors will also provide students with hands-on experiments.

Among the schools participating are W.E. Mitchell Middle School and Folsom High School.

"Folsom High School Science Club members are very excited to be partnering with the new Regional STEM Mentoring Program," said Jennifer Filippi, a science educator at Folsom High School. "Not only do we expect that the program will result in an increase in STEM fair participation this year, but we anticipate that the ongoing presence of professional scientists from our area will encourage more students to explore the idea of a future in a STEM career."

"Sometimes students get tired of hearing the same thing from their teachers over and over, that's why mentors are so important," said Sue Bertram, program coordinator at W.E. Mitchell Middle School. "Mentors can be a new voice for our students. The words and ideas may be the same, but a new face can make all the difference."

Cordova High School, Heron Elementary School and Sutter Middle School in Folsom are also participating in the pilot program. The program is made possible by grant funding from Intel. More information about the **Regional STEM Mentoring Program** can be found at [www.rsmprogram.org](http://www.rsmprogram.org).

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