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## **An Invitation to Ohio High School Students to Attend a Believe in Ohio STEM Entrepreneurship & Innovation Forum During Fall 2019 at a College or University Near You**

*Extraordinary program will open students' eyes to the future!  
Which Forum will your students attend?*

*Please forward this email to the STEM, economics & business teachers in your community.*

Columbus and Cleveland (September 30, 2019) ... *Eleven STEM Entrepreneurship & Innovation Forums will be held across the State of Ohio in October, November and early December, 2019, with additional Forums planned to be held during 2020 in Northeast Ohio and Southwest Ohio.*

***Are Ohio students prepared for their future? Attending a STEM Forum will help them prepare!***

What today's students will experience during their lifetimes is simply unimaginable. Their world will be marked by constant change:

- Every product, service and aspect of life will change again and again.
- Technology is dramatically changing the world they will live in: 3D printing, artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, big data, alternative energy, advanced materials, robotics, biomedical advancements, automated vehicles, drones, and on and on.
- Every job and career will either change with the times or go away.

"High school students attending a STEM Forum will participate in an extraordinary program that will open their eyes to the future, inspire them to 'think outside the box', and provide an opportunity to interact with entrepreneurial STEM researchers, entrepreneurs and practitioners who will discuss how their ideas and visions can shape the future," stated Believe in Ohio Co-Director, Mike Woytek.

The following colleges and universities invite Ohio high school students to their campuses to help prepare them for their future:

### Central Ohio:

- Ohio Wesleyan University, Thursday, November 14, 2019
- The Ohio State University, Main Campus, Thursday, November 21, 2019

### Northwest Ohio:

- The University of Toledo, Wednesday, November 13, 2019
- Bowling Green State University, Main Campus, Date TBA

#### Northeast Ohio:

- Kent State University, Tuesday, October 29, 2019
- John Carroll University, Thursday, November 7, 2019
- Lorain County Community College, November 11, 2019
- Cleveland State University, Tuesday, November 26, 2019

#### Southeast Ohio:

- University of Rio Grande, Thursday, October 17, 2019
- Ohio University, Main Campus, Monday, November 18, 2019

#### Southwest Ohio:

- Edison State College, Tuesday, November 19, 2019

“Students, assisted by mentors, will work in teams to develop a new product, service or problem-solving innovation that they will pitch ‘Shark Tank style’ to their peers,” added Believe in Ohio Co-Director John Klipfell.

- Forums will begin at 9:40am and end at 1:00pm, except the University of Toledo Forum which will begin at 10:00am and end at 12:45pm.
- All Ohio high school students are invited to attend, with students attending as part of a teacher or parent chaperoned group. (Limit of 30 per school.)
- Teachers will also learn about how their students can compete for cash awards as part of a Believe in Ohio STEM Commercialization Plan or STEM Business Plan competition at their high school.
- As capacity is limited, registrations will be accepted as space is available.
- Transportation subsidies of \$100 are available to schools that bring 15 or more students.
- Speaker names and bios at each Forum will be published a few weeks before each event.

**Teachers and parents who wish to register their students to attend a Forum may do so at: [www.believeinohio.org/forums](http://www.believeinohio.org/forums)**

To find out more about the Believe in Ohio program, visit [www.BelieveinOhio.org](http://www.BelieveinOhio.org) or call 614-389-2182.

#### **About the Believe in Ohio program:**

*Believe in Ohio* is a free, comprehensive, curriculum-based, STEM and entrepreneurship program for Ohio high school students. The program is designed to create a “Culture of Innovation” and to prepare students to meet the demands of a rapidly changing labor market by creating their own opportunities. *Believe in Ohio* was collaboratively developed by [The Ohio Academy of Science](#) and [Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio](#).

In addition to conducting STEM Entrepreneurship & Innovation Forums on college campuses across the state, *Believe in Ohio* provides a curriculum that allows students to explore their own areas of interest by learning how to commercialize solutions to problems or develop products through a STEM Commercialization Plan or a STEM Business Plan. This personalized experience allows students to teach themselves by understanding and valuing the necessary resources needed complete a project, including the proper background and training in the sciences and mathematics. While the *Believe in Ohio* program

emphasizes the importance of STEM, it also encourages students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset to compete in today's Innovation Economy.

**About The Ohio Academy of Science:**

With more than 1,400 members and a network of thousands of supporters and volunteers, since 1891, The Ohio Academy of Science has been promoting science and science education in Ohio as a membership based, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization. In addition to its pre-college student programs (Regional and State Science Day science fairs, and *Believe in Ohio*) the Academy conducts an annual meeting which brings together scientists and students from all disciplines across the state and publishes an international, multidisciplinary, scientific journal. [www.ohiosci.org](http://www.ohiosci.org)

**About Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio:**

Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio (EEO) is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation formed for the educational and charitable purpose of promoting student and community awareness as to the challenges and opportunities the changing regional, national and global economies present for the future. It provides educational instruction, curriculum, mentoring and other information that help develop the entrepreneurial, economic, business, and scientific literacy of students and the community that will be needed for the 21st Century. [www.EEOhio.org](http://www.EEOhio.org)