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STEM-Focused Students Provided Job Shadow Opportunity

Students from local colleges and high schools with a Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) program shadowed engineering and science professionals to experience the day at their respective workplace.

A total of 191 students were matched to STEM professionals at 21 different companies for the annual MESA Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) Shadow Day, held on November 15, 2018, making it the largest STEM Shadow Day in its 30 plus-year span.

Participating colleges included San Diego City College, San Diego State University, and Southwestern College. Participating high schools included Brawley Union, Calexico, Calipatria, Central Union, Imperial, and Southwest from the Imperial Valley region and Helix, Lincoln, Morse, and San Diego from the San Diego region.

Participating companies included:

- 1. CourseKey Education
- 2. General Atomics (Inertial Fusion Technology Division)
- 3. GHD
- 4. Harris & Associates
- 5. HDR Inc.
- 6. HNTB Corporation
- 7. Hologic Inc.
- 8. Nasland Engineering
- 9. NAVAIR Fleet Readiness Center Southwest
- 10. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest
- 11. Northrop Grumman Mission Systems
- 12. NV5 Inc.
- 13. Rick Engineering Company
- 14. Safran Power Units
- 15. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
- 16. Solar Turbines Inc.
- 17. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific
- 18. Tioga Research Inc.
- 19. T.Y. Lin International
- 20. UTC Aerospace Systems
- 21. Viasat Inc.



Logo collage of the 21 companies that participated in the 2018 MESA STEM Shadow Day.

"MESA STEM Shadow Day gives students insight into the world of engineering and the broad base of disciplines it offers," said Eric Pamintuan, Shadow Day Coordinator. The next annual MESA STEM Shadow Day will take place on November 14, 2019

MESA is one of the largest programs in the state to support educationally disadvantaged students so they can graduate from college with science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) degrees. MESA provides academic support and enrichment to over 18,000 K-12 students and 7,800 community college and 4-year college students each year. For more information, visit http://mep.sdsu.edu