

### Mission: STEM Possible



The San Diego State University College of Engineering STEM Outreach Program, in partnership with the Biocom Institute's San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering, was proud to host their first annual Mission: STEM Possible on March 4, 2019.

Nine San Diego high schools (a total of 153 student guests) participated in this three-part event at SDSU's Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union featuring an inspirational panel, an interactive skills lab coordinated by Qualcomm, and a professional networking session with STEM Role Models. The panel was moderated by Jen Landress, Biocom's Senior VP & Chief Operating Officer, and featured guests from ABC 10News, Illumina, Blue Economy Strategies, Alexandria Real Estate Equities and Adastr Pharmaceuticals. The panelists shared their journey to success as well as their college and career advice for STEM students. Qualcomm's interactive skills lab provided an opportunity for the high school students in attendance to explore various career opportunities that best aligned with their skills and values. The professional networking session allowed students to connect with twenty-eight local STEM Role Models who have unique job experiences in a career fair-style setting. Some of the Role Models included representatives from Barnes & Noble, City of San Diego, General Atomics, Pfizer, SD Zoo Institute for Conservation Research, SD Sheriff's Office, SANDAG, United States Air Force & Navy, and many more. Prior to the event, students also received a Professional Prep-Work presentation to help them establish best networking practices.

Mission: STEM Possible gave local high school students the opportunity to visualize themselves pursuing various and unique STEM careers while fostering their relationship with the SDSU community as a source of innovation and professional development.

