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LSMRCE Receives Supplemental Funding for Eaton Experience Events

INDIANAPOLIS -The National Science Foundation awards the Louis Stokes Midwest Regional Center of Excellence (LSMRCE) \$235 thousand to support the non-academic professionalization of under-represented minority students majoring in STEM.

In partnership with Eaton Corporation and the iCONNECT Eaton affinity groups, LSMRCE will use the supplemental grant to organize six Eaton Experience events at Eaton Innovation Centers across the country for the students from the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) and LSMRCE Partner Schools. The events are designed to offer students interactive opportunities to engage in, connect to and network with Eaton research scientists and administrators to learn about their STEM career pathways in industry. “The Eaton Experience events offer URM students opportunities to interact with STEM research and management professionals in the actual industrial settings. The experiences would help them realistically evaluate their future career options in the STEM fields,” said Kim Nguyen, LSMRCE Project Director at IUPUI.



Figure 1. Speed Networking: Eaton professionals and students from LSAMP community at the Eaton North American Headquarters in Beachwood, Ohio, February 21, 2020.

The goal is to cultivate sustainable relationships between the Eaton Corporation, the LSAMP community, and LSMRCE partners. “Eaton Corporation is eager to engage with the LSMRCE Center and the LSAMP communities and build pipelines of opportunities for the STEM talent matriculating from local schools. We look forward to providing STEM URM students contextual experiences that enhance the student's sense of belonging in the STEM field,” Karmell Thomas, Management of Supplier Diversity at Eaton

Corporation and LSMRCE Advisory Board Member. To find out more about these events, visit the website at <https://lsmrce.org/events/eaton/2019-eaton/eaton-events.aspx>

About LSMRCE

The Louis Stokes Midwest Regional Center of Excellence (LSMRCE) aims to obtain and share new knowledge about broadening the participation of under-represented minority (URM) students in STEM and specifically on factors that sustain institutional collaborations to advance underrepresented minority STEM student achievement and degree obtainment. LSMRCE is a partnership among Chicago State University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, The Ohio State University, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, and sixteen two- and four-year institutions in the Midwest. Additionally, LSMRCE formalizes collaborative relationships with six regional Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP): IINSPIRE LSAMP, Illinois LSAMP, Indiana STEM LSAMP, Ohio LSAMP, Missouri LSAMP, and Kentucky-West Virginia LSAMP. The Louis Stokes Midwest Regional Center of Excellence (LSMRCE) is a project funded by the National Science Foundation Learn more at <https://lsmrce.org>

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