



*Inspiring students
to pursue careers in
science, math,
engineering, and
technology.*

Timeline

For seven years, STEP has continued to expand its efforts to stimulate and inspire children's interest in pursuing math, science, and technology education. STEP has also continued in its efforts to provide teachers with additional educational tools that strengthen the current math and science curriculum.

November 1999

Congressman Ken Calvert received "California Report on the Environment for Science and Technology", highlighting the need for increased science and technology skill development to meet high-tech workforce demands.

January 2000

Congressman Calvert's Hispanic Outreach Task Force studied ways to assist with improving science and technology skills among K-12 students, particularly among the region's Hispanic population.

June 2000

Community, Education, Business, and Technology Leaders began organizing to form the nonprofit, 501(c)(3) STEP Corporation, whose mission is to inspire the next generation of technology students through events such as the STEP Conference.

November 2, 2000

STEP 1 Conference:

- Jamie Escalante, Inaugural STEP Awardee and Keynote Speaker
- 900 4th-8th grade students in attendance

November 29, 2001

STEP 2 Conference:

- Dr. Mae Jemison, STEP Awardee and Keynote Speaker
- 2,000 4th-8th grade students in attendance
- Started several after-school science clubs at area middle schools
- Awarded three scholarships to Riverside Community College

April 23, 2002

Awarded STEP's First Annual \$1,000 Regional Science Fair Award for Outstanding Demonstration of Scientific Investigation.

November 1-2, 2002

STEP 3 Conference:

- Arnold Schwarzenegger, STEP Awardee and Keynote Speaker
- Former First Lady of California, Gayle Wilson, STEP Awardee and Keynote Speaker
- Expanded to two-day Conference with 3,000 4th-8th grade students in attendance
- Announced COSMOS Tuition Grant Program

February 22, 2003

Science Olympiad:

- STEP assisted junior and senior high school students with an opportunity to learn more about math and science through friendly competition
- Awarded three \$1,000 stipends for teachers to attend the Science Olympiad Summer Training Camp held in Arizona and Michigan

April 22, 2003

Science Fair Awards:

- STEP awarded a \$1,000 savings bond to a senior division student and a \$500 savings bond to a junior division student at the Inland Science and Engineering Fair for the outstanding demonstration of scientific investigation

April 23, 2003

STEP Science Fair Car Giveaway debuted at this year's State Science Fair in Los Angeles:

- Singh Chevrolet in Riverside awarded a senior high school student with a brand new Chevrolet for First Place win
- Car Giveaway value of \$16,000 accounted for more than 25% of the State's Science Fair awards

November 6-8, 2003

STEP 4 Conference:

- 2002 National Teacher of the Year, Chauncey Veatch, STEP Awardee
- Keynote Speaker, Mrs. Caroline Snowbarger, Special Assistant for Teacher Quality in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education for the U.S. Department of Education
- Expanded to three-day Conference with 3,500 4th-8th grade students in attendance

February 21, 2004

Science Olympiad:

- STEP co-hosted this event, designed to assist junior and senior high school students with an opportunity to learn more about math and science, through friendly competition
- Two-hundred forty-eight students from 13 high schools and 5 middle schools attended the event
- Awarded \$1,000 stipends to each of three deserving teachers to attend a Science Olympiad Summer Institute

April 20-21, 2004

Science Fair Awards:

- For the first time, STEP offered awards in all three divisions: Elementary - \$200 U.S. Savings Bond; Junior - \$500 U.S. Savings Bond; and Senior - \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond at the Inland Science and Engineering Fair, for the outstanding demonstration of scientific investigation

- October 13-14, 2004** STEP 5 Conference:
- Keynote Conference Speakers, actor Robert Davi, I-SAFE National Spokesperson, and Dr. Jill Tarter, Director of Research at Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI)
 - More than 3,500 4th-8th grade students from 30 local elementary and middle schools in attendance.
- October 13-14, 2004** STEP 5 Poster and Essay Contest:
- STEP sponsors an annual poster and essay contest for students to engage their imagination and writing capabilities
 - STEP awarded first, second, and third place certificates from “Imagine That” bookstore. The theme for this year was “Science is My Life”. Prizes were awarded at the STEP 5 Conference.
- February 26, 2005** Science Olympiad:
- STEP co-hosted this event, designed to assist junior and senior high school students with an opportunity to learn more about math and science, through friendly competition
 - Two hundred fifty students from Inland Empire middle and high schools in attendance.
 - Awarded \$1,000 stipends to each of three deserving teachers to attend a Science Olympiad Summer Institute
- March 19, 2005** STEP 5 Teacher Conference:
- Keynote Conference Speaker, Dr. Adena Williams Loston, Chief Education Officer at NASA Headquarters
 - One-day conference provided resources, strategies, and support for teachers in teaching science, math, and technology
- April 19, 2005** Science Fair Awards:
- For the fourth consecutive year, STEP participated in the Inland Science and Engineering Fair. STEP awarded three U.S. Savings Bonds to a student in each division: Elementary - \$200; Junior - \$500; and Senior \$1,000.
- October 18-19, 2005** STEP 6 Conference:
- Sponsor Reception, General Atomics Corporate Award
 - More than 3,500 4th-8th grade students from 30 local elementary and middle schools were in attendance.

October 18-19, 2005

STEP 6 Poster and Essay Contest:

- STEP sponsors an annual poster and essay contest for students to engage their imagination and writing capabilities
- STEP awarded first, second, and third place certificates from “Imagine That” bookstore. The theme for this year was “How Does Science and Technology Improve My Life?” Prizes were awarded at the STEP 6 Conference.

April 19, 2006

Science Fair Awards:

- For the fourth consecutive year, STEP participated in the Inland Science and Engineering Fair. STEP awarded three U.S. Savings Bonds to a student in each division: Elementary - \$200; Junior - \$500; and Senior \$1,000.

October 11-12, 2006

STEP 7 Conference:

- Keynote Speaker, Elon Musk, SpaceX Chairman, CEO
- More than 3,500 4th-8th grade students from over 30 local elementary and middle schools attended.

October 11-12, 2006

STEP 7 Poster and Essay Contest:

- STEP sponsors an annual poster and essay contest for students to engage their imagination and writing capabilities
- STEP awarded first, second, and third place certificates from “Imagine That” bookstore at the STEP 7 luncheon. The theme was “A Day in the Life of a Student in the Year 2050”.