

Success Stories in STEM:

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Taylor Richardson

Achievement:

International advocate for girls in STEM

Science makes sense to Taylor. It lets you test ideas to see if they work. Taylor went to Space Camp when she was nine. She also went to robotics classes. She was called “Astronaut Starbright.” She noticed she was often the only girl or the only Black person in her group.

Taylor wanted other girls and Black people to know about STEM. She wanted everyone to be included.

Taylor has raised more than \$325,000 to support girls in STEM. She’s provided tickets for science-inspired movies such as *Hidden Figures*. She donated STEM-themed books. She gave money to send girls to STEM and leadership empowerment camps. She did this to help girls understand that they can succeed in STEM.

Taylor has spoken around the world. She dreams of becoming an astronaut, scientist, and physician.

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