

Success Stories in STEM:

SPACE



• Taylor
Richardson

Achievement:

International advocate
for girls in STEM

Science makes sense to Taylor. It lets you test ideas—right or wrong—to see if they work. But as a nine-year-old at Space Camp and in robotics classes, “Astronaut Starbright” noticed she was often the only girl or the only Black person in her group. So she has made it her mission to introduce girls to STEM and push for diversity and inclusion in STEM fields.

Beginning at age 12, Taylor has raised more than \$325,000 to support girls in STEM. She’s provided tickets for science-inspired movies such as *Hidden Figures*, donated STEM-themed books, and provided money to send girls to STEM and leadership empowerment camps—all to help girls understand that they can succeed in STEM.

Taylor has spoken around the world to support girls and diversity in STEM. She dreams of some day becoming an astronaut, scientist, and physician.

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