



**June 2010
Newsletter**

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Dear Jason,

This school year, Project SYNCERE was able to expose more than 550 students in the Chicago area to the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Our sights are now focused on the summer months as we will be conducting 5 summer engineering programs around the city. We will continue our efforts of providing students with a positive outlet during these months while also stimulating their interest in the STEM fields. Our June Newsletter highlights our latest projects and achievements.

To learn more about Project SYNCERE, please visit us online by clicking [here](#).

Project SYNCERE's Call to Save our Youth

The graphic is a rectangular box with a dark blue background and a light blue gradient at the bottom. At the top, it features the Project SYNCERE logo. Below the logo, the text reads: "Academic Success and Professional Development... Speaking Life into Chicago's Youth" followed by the website "www.projectsincere.org". The main body of the graphic contains the following text: "There were more than 400 shootings reported last summer Be a part of the solution... **Donate TODAY!** Join us at the Donors Event June 24th 2010, 6-8pm at M Lounge, 1520 South Wabash Avenue [CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#) Donors contributing \$20 or more will receive a complimentary drink at our reception on June 24th. *Every dollar counts!* Project SYNCERE is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible.

On June 24th, Project SYNCERE will host a donors event at the M Lounge from 6-8pm. The event is being held to create awareness of the issues taking place in our local schools and to raise money to support our summer engineering camps that will benefit more than 100 students.

All donations to Project SYNCERE directly support programming cost. The donations will help provide schools with the necessary materials and instructional help necessary to build the engineering projects.

ALL donations are tax deductible, and remember, EVERY dollar counts.

***** CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO PROJECT SYNCERE TODAY *****

Project SYNCERE Empowers the Youth of St. Louis, MO



On June 19th, Project SYNCERE traveled to St. Louis, MO to host its *Empowerment Thru Engineering Program* at the [Monsanto Family YMCA](#). The event, was hosted by Aaron and Jahaun Ireland of the LOTUS (Lifting Ourselves Through Us) Organization, which is an Arts and Science not for profit organization that benefits under-served communities in the St. Louis area. More than 15 students and their parents participated in the event, which introduced them to the theories of engineering design and applied physics via a mousetrap car design competition. [[Click on the above picture for images from the event](#)]

2010 Top Student Achievers in the *Empowerment Thru Engineering Program*

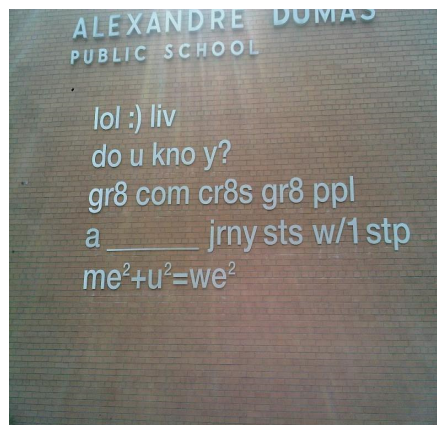


This school year, there were two students in our after school *Empowerment Thru Engineering Program* that exemplified excellence. Daniel Banks, a junior at [Perspectives Calumet Charter School](#) won our Most Improved Student Award. Daniel was able to improve his grades from a C-average to all A's and B's. Daniel contributed his improvement to his involvement in Project SYNCERE's program where he was able to realize his potential to do better in school.

Jorge Torres, a sophomore at [ACE Technical Charter School](#) won our Top Student Award. Jorge has been able to maintain a straight A average throughout the course of the year.

As a result of their excellence during the program, each student was awarded a Radio Control Car Kit for them to further their engineering expeditions.

Project SYNCERE's TechYards Project



This school year, Project SYNCERE partnered with [CPS Office of Academic Enhancement](#), [architresures](#) and [Neighborhood Writing Alliance](#) to create a solution for [Spencer Technology Academy](#) in Austin and [Dumas Technology Academy](#) in Woodlawn, to highlight the school's technology focus. Architresures worked with artist Stuart Keeler to develop various sculptural pieces at each location to attract passers-by to the school. Project SYNCERE designed the audio interface, which was installed on the exterior of the school to recite the community stories which were collected by members of Neighborhood Writing Alliance.

Project SYNCERE's Co-Founders Speak to Youth About College and Career Choices



The 39th Annual Conference of the [Rainbow PUSH Coalition](#) and [Citizenship Education Fund](#) was held in Chicago from June 12-16. During the week long event, McDonald's Corporation sponsored the "Are you America's Next Success Story?" panel discussion, in which panelist and students created a dialogue about career choices, getting through college and making the right decisions in life. The event which was moderated by Meredith Moore, Director of External Relations for [McDonald's Corporation](#), included panelist: Anna Otieno, Consumer Strategist-[Iconoculture](#), Amanda Brown, Project Manager-[The Gathering for Justice](#), Derek Brown, Crew Leader-[US Census Bureau](#), Jason Coleman, Executive Director-[Project SYNCERE](#) and Seun Phillips, Program Director-[Project SYNCERE](#).

Project SYNCERE partners with UIC for A CHANCE FOR CHANGE Summer Youth STEM Camp

Welcome Orientation

Tuesday June 22, 2010
6:00pm–8:00pm
Charles A. Hayes Family
Investment Center
4859 South Wabash - Chicago, Illinois

**Daily Instruction
Schedule (3) days:
Tuesday thru Thursday**

Fridays are reserved for
Community Service Projects
& Educational Enrichment Outings

8:00am—Opening Session &
Breakfast

9:00am—Project SYNCERE
Engineering Program

10:00am—Ameresco

11:00am—College of
Engineering

12:00pm—Lunch Break

12:30pm—Study Session

1:00pm—Critical Reading
Analysis

2:00pm—Professional
Development

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**A CHANCE
for
CHANGE**

Summer Youth S.T.E.M. Camp



In partnership with
Ameresco, Inc.

Summer Camp Dates:
July 6 — August 12, 2010

Hosted by
CHANGE PROGRAM

On July 6th, the *A CHANCE for CHANGE Summer Youth S.T.E.M. Camp* kicks off! The program is being sponsored by the UIC CHANCE Program, Ameresco, Chicago Housing Authority (CHA), and the UIC College of Engineering.

The goal for the Summer Youth STEM Camp is to identify, motivate and prepare participants for entry into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) careers. Participants will gain access to the academic tools and social support necessary to excel in STEM based disciplines. Research indicates that students who have access to college and university settings prior to their arrival have a tendency to be more successful in college and real world settings. This program seeks to recruit selected students and begin to prepare them for academic instructions and social networking opportunities.

Project SYNCERE will provide participants with hands-on engineering projects to stimulate students' interest in the STEM fields. The project focus will be on **GREEN TECHNOLOGY**, helping to strengthen students' knowledge of renewable energy and showing them how they can be responsible citizens.

Project SYNCERE to host 4 Summer Engineering Camps for high school and middle school students in the Chicago area



This summer, Project SYNCERE will host 4 summer engineering camps for Chicago area students. Two of the engineering camps will be held at [Perspectives Calumet Charter School](#). One camp will be catered towards middle school students, the other will cater towards high school students. Chalmers Elementary School and [Miles Davis Engineering Academy](#) will house the other two camps and they will target middle school students.

Our summer engineering camp is a great opportunity for aspiring engineers to learn about the exciting fields of science, technology, engineering, and math through project-based learning. The camp is designed for students who have a sincere interest in strengthening their math and science skills as well as a desire to learn about the STEM fields. Another objective of the camp is to give younger students the opportunity to interact with scientific principles to better prepare them for engineering related careers.

Project SYNCERE Co-Founder gives Graduation Speech at Elementary School



Seun Phillips, Co-Founder/Program Director of Project SYNCERE, was the keynote speaker for the 2010 graduating class of [Miles Davis Engineering Academy](#) on June 15, 2010. The speech focused on preparing for the future and setting goals for yourself. [[Click here to listen to his speech](#)]

Project SYNCERE is looking for Volunteers!



Do you have a passion for working with students? Project SYNCERE is currently looking for volunteers to mentor, tutor, and speak with our students about your profession. If interested, please email us at info@projectsyncere.org or visit our website at www.projectsyncere.org/contact.html.

Project SYNCERE is looking for new Partnerships!

Project SYNCERE would like to bring its innovative STEM Programs to your school/community. If interested, please email us at info@projectsyncere.org or visit our website at www.projectsyncere.org/contact.html.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!!!

We are currently in need of 15 Laptop Computers to support our robotics, CAD and computer programming curriculum. If you or someone you know can help us reach our goal, please click [here](#) or email us at info@projectsyncere.org.

Project SYNCERE relies on the support of schools, local and national foundations, corporations, and individuals to sustain its STEM programming. If you would like to make a donation to help us reach our goals, please visit our website or click [here](#). All contributions made to Project SYNCERE are fully tax-deductible.

Sincerely,

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