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**Dear Jason,**

Project SYNCERE has continued its effort to stimulate the interest of STEM to youth around the country. Through our work with the community, we have increased the number of schools and organizations we partner with and expanded our reach. Our March newsletter highlights our latest projects and achievements.

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

**Project SYNCERE will host a 2-day workshop for High School students at this year's NSBE National Conference**



Project SYNCERE has partnered with the National Society of Black Engineers ([NSBE](#)) to host a 2-day workshop at this year's National Convention, held in Toronto, Canada. The workshop will expose more than 100 high school students from the United States and Canada to engineering, through their participation in a Mousetrap Car Design Competition.

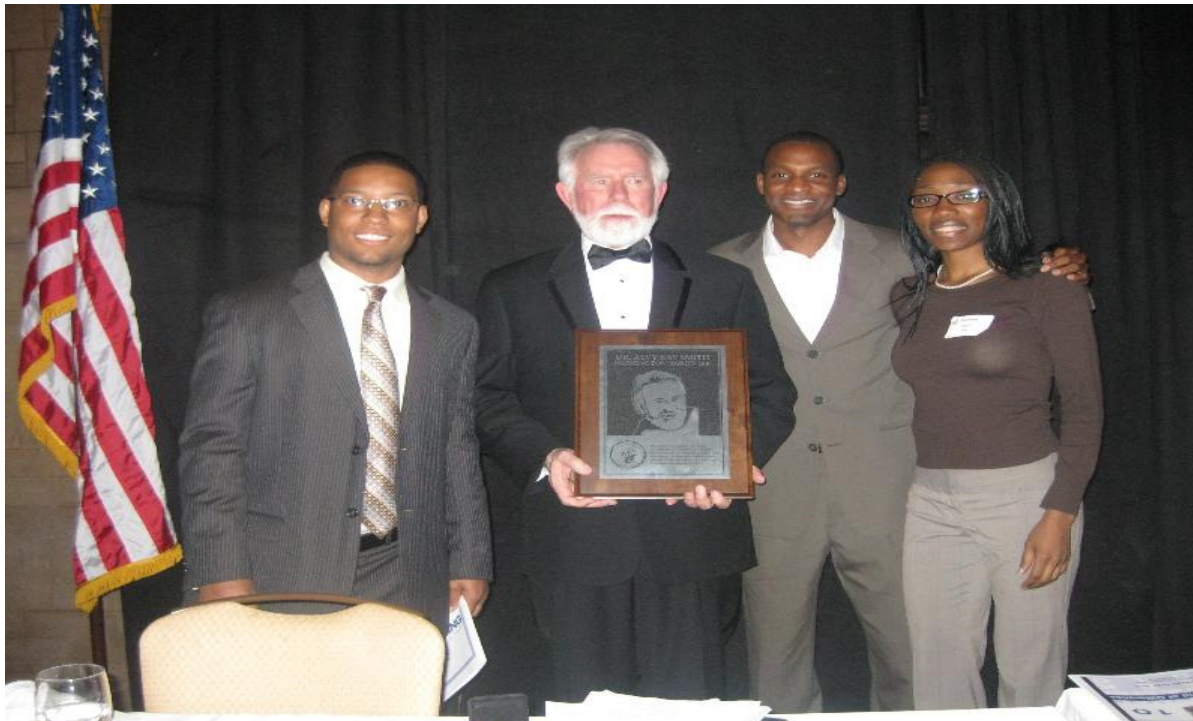
**Project SYNCERE Partners with IBM to expose CPS students to various engineering disciplines**



[Project SYNCERE](#) has teamed up with [IBM](#) to expose Chicago area students to engineering. During the months of April and May, volunteers from IBM and Project SYNCERE will host events at various schools around the city to stimulate student interest and knowledge in engineering.

The event is part of IBM's EWeek Initiative. EWeek is a national outreach program that began in 1951 to promote engineering. In 1990, the scope of the program was broadened to include the promotion of math, science, and technology literacy among K-12 students. IBM is strongly committed to EWeek, serving as Chairing Corporate Sponsor in 1992 and in 2001.

### Project SYNCERE meets PIXAR founder at E-Week Banquet



Pictured above (from left to right): Jason Coleman (Project SYNCERE), Dr. Alvy Ray Smith (PIXAR), Seun Phillips (Project SYNCERE), and Fatima Otori (IBM)

Project SYNCERE joined IBM at this year's EWeek Banquet which was held at the University Club of Chicago. The banquet served as an end of the year culminating event for the outstanding middle school and high school engineering teams in the Chicago-land area. These teams were honored for their participation in the following competitions: "Future City," FIRST Robotics, and High School Student Bridge Building Contest.

At the banquet, Dr. Alvy Ray Smith was honored with the 2010 Washington Award for his contributions to computer color systems, the advancement of computer graphics, fundamental changes in the motion picture and visual arts, and for the use of engineering to enhance the enjoyment of life.

### Project SYNCERE completes Introduction to Engineering program at three CPS Schools

Through a partnership with [Chicago Public Schools Office of Academic Enhancement](#), Project SYNCERE was able to expose more than 170 students at [Spencer Technology Academy](#) on Chicago's West Side and [Dixon Elementary School](#) and [Caldwell Academy of Math, Science and Technology](#) on Chicago's South Side to the STEM fields. The students who participated in the Introduction to Engineering program expressed that they enjoyed the hands-on projects and the group activities.

Click on the picture below to see the students' response!



### Students at ACE Tech and Perspectives Calumet explore Engineering thru Remote-Control Car Design

Project SYNCERE utilizes Remote-Control Cars to teach STEM to students at [ACE Technical Charter School](#) and [Perspectives Calumet High School](#) on Chicago's South Side. Students involved in Project SYNCERE's after school program design, build, modify and compete in races to see which team can build the best performing car.



### Project SYNCERE and students from Dumas Technology Academy explore science and engineering at the Museum of Science and Industry

Project SYNCERE took a group of 45 students from [Dumas Technology Academy](#) to the [Museum of Science and Industry](#) for a first hand look at how engineering endeavors have impacted the way we live. During the visit, students were able to learn about the human body via the "YOU" Exhibit, and the technological advances in flight at the "Transportation Gallery."



**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](mailto:info@projectsyncere.org) or visit our website at [www.projectsyncere.org/contact.html](http://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](mailto:info@projectsyncere.org) or visit our website at [www.projectsyncere.org/contact.html](http://www.projectsyncere.org/contact.html).

## Donations

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 and objectives please visit our website or click [here](#). All contributions made to Project SYNCERE are fully tax-deductible.

## Sincerely,

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