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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 hosting 4 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 May Newsletter highlights our latest projects and achievements.

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

Project SYNCERE exposes over 550 Chicago area students to the STEM Fields in its first full year of operation



This school year, Project SYNCERE was able to implement its innovative engineering program into 11 Chicago area schools. Through our partnerships with Chicago Public Schools, University of Illinois at Chicago-CHANCE Program, DePaul Egan Urban Center, University of Illinois GEAR UP Program, Perspectives Charter Schools, ACE Technical Charter School, IBM and ComEd we were able to establish our program in various schools around the city to stimulate the minds of over 550 youth. Our engineering curriculum has helped increase students' interest in the STEM Fields and as a result we have seen the following outcomes: increased math and science scores, improved critical thinking and reasoning skills, improved skills in collaborative learning and increased motivation to learning.

Our partner schools include:

Miles Davis Engineering Academy
Dumas Technology Academy
Spencer Technology Academy
Dunne Elementary Math, Science & Tech Academy
Dixon Elementary
Caldwell Elementary Academy of Math & Science
Hendricks Academy

Perspectives Calumet Middle School
 Perspectives Calumet High School
 Perspectives Calumet Technology School
 ACE Technical High School

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
 UIC CHANCE PROGRAM

This summer, Project SYNCERE will take part in the *A CHANCE for CHANGE Summer Youth S.T.E.M. Camp* which will be 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 project 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.

WE ARE STILL TAKING APPLICATIONS!!!!!

If you are interested in the program email us at info@projectsincere.org IMMEDIATELY for an application.

When: July 6 - August 12, 2010
 Days: Tuesday - Thursday
 Where: UIC Campus

Project SYNCERE to host Summer Engineering Camp for high school students at Perspectives Calumet High School



This summer, Project SYNCERE will host a summer engineering camp for Chicago area students at Perspectives Calumet High School for students in grades 9-12.

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.

Below are the details for the summer program:

- **Begins:** Monday, June 28, 2010
- **Location:** Calumet Perspectives High School (8131 S. May St., Chicago, IL 60620)
- **Frequency:** Classes held Monday-Thursday
- **Time:** Classes are held from 9:30am - 1:00pm
- **Duration:** Program length is 6 weeks
- **Ends:** Thursday, August 05, 2010
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Who:** Students entering grades 9-12

FOR AN APPLICATION OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Seun Phillips at sphillips@projectsyncere.org.

Project SYNCERE attends State Representatives Marlow Colvin's Youth Safe and Fun Summer Activities Fair

On May 22nd, Project SYNCERE joined over 20 other organizations at Olive-Harvey College to promote its engineering programs for this upcoming summer. The fair, which was organized by State Representative Marlow Colvin was setup to let youth ages 10-19 know about the educational, art and sports activities available to them this summer.



Project SYNCERE partners with CPS Office of Academic Enhancement and architresures to implement an art and technology project at Spencer Technology Academy and Dumas Technology Academy.

SPENCER TECH ACADEMY

architresures

**ART & TECH
PROJECT
UNVEILING**

JOIN US!

WHO: The Austin Community
Parents, Students & Neighbors

WHERE: Spencer Tech Academy

WHEN: Thursday, June 3

TIME: 9:00 - 9:30 am

In Partnership with: CPS Office of Academic Enhancement, Project SYNCERE,
and Neighborhood Writing Alliance

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT VANESSA@ARCHITREASURES, 773-772-4416 OR vanessa@architresures.org

This school year, Project SYNCERE partnered with CPS Office of Academic Enhancement and architresures, to create a solution for Spencer Technology Academy and Dumas Technology Academy to showcase them to the community as technology schools. During the project, architresures worked with the community in each area, to record community stories and to get feedback on the artistic look of the project. Project SYNCERE was responsible for developing the technological solution for the project and working with the students at each location to implement the solution.

The first unveiling of the project will be held on Thursday, June 3rd 2010 at 9:00am at Spencer Technology Academy.

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 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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