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Spreading AI Literacy



In April, we presented "AI Explained: The Good, The Bad & The Guardrails" twice, at AAUW Wheaton/Glen Ellyn, and at the AAUW WI State Convention in Madison. We were met with great enthusiasm and engagement at both events. Participants conveyed that they were inspired to be more techno-curious, and would adopt the use of AI in their daily life, while staying informed and alert about associated risks.



Giving the talk at Madison was particularly meaningful - on June 7, 1965, the first two Ph.D.s in Computer Science were granted. One of the recipients was Sister Mary Kenneth Keller, B.V.M., completing her dissertation, Inductive Inference on Computer Generated Patterns, at the University of WI, Madison, making her one of the first individuals and the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in CS. The significance of that milestone was certainly not lost on us! Thanks to Tina Hinch and Jane Mack-Crane for the talk and to Loredana Abramo, Rose Martin and Monica Sentoff for the hands-on sessions.

STEM Connect at College of DuPage



Randee Adams, Eileen Gelblat, and Rose Martin participated at COD STEM Connect, as a career exhibit. They engaged with students and instructors through interactive activities, and circuit board displays, sparking great conversations about tech/engineering careers.

Elmwood Elementary School Girls Only Math Club

Elmwood Elementary invited us again to bring math fun to the 2nd grade Girls Only Math Club. Tina Hinch, Jane Mack-Crane and Ellen Anderson introduced the girls to Magic Square 15. The girls demonstrated great interest and math ability! Kudos to Ms Erin Meehan-Browning for her continuing passion with the Math Club.

Girl Scout STEM Fest



Randee Adams, Daryl Varney, Jane Mack-Crane and Tina Hinch brought AI activities and Math Puzzles to the Greater Chicago & NW Indiana Girl Scout STEM Fest. We were glad to show girl scouts ranging from 2nd to 5th grade and their parents how Math and Tech are fun and impactful to human lives, and thrilled to learn that one of the girls' aspiration is to become an astronaut!

VALEE Spark! Career Exploration Expo

Vision 1948 attended the VALEE (Valley Education for Employment System) Spark! Career Exploration Expo for 9th graders from ten high schools in the Fox Valley area. Randee Adams, Tina Hinch and Daryl Varney discussed the broad range of computer technology-based careers and how technology helps solve problems and improve society. Many students felt inspired to explore this field further as a result of our conversations.

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West Chicago STEM Fair



Vision 1948 participated in the West Chicago School District STEM fair, which showcased projects by district 4th and 7th graders. Students and parents visited our table and engaged in AI activities and learned about circuit boards. Thanks to Ann Jackson, Eileen Gelblat and Randee Adams for supporting the event.

Call for Volunteers

Vision 1948 is receiving a growing number of invitations to expand our reach across the community. We are seeking volunteers to join us in increasing our impact! We are actively engaged in schools, colleges, Girl Scout programs, and professional and community gatherings—bringing education, awareness, and hands-on experiences in technology to diverse audiences. There are also new film-related initiatives in the works. Through these efforts, we are helping to inspire curiosity, build confidence, and empower individuals of all backgrounds to explore and succeed in a technology-driven world. Please consider joining us as a volunteer on this mission! Contact us at info@vision1948.org.

OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Online STEM Career Advantage Academy



Tufts University is offering a new on-line non-credit summer course, STEM Career Advantage Academy - a professional development and mentoring opportunity for STEM college students (or high schoolers). The focus is communication, negotiation, leadership, relationship building and other human skills employers consistently identify as critical for early-career success. It empowers students with the confidence they need to succeed in their first STEM job or internships. Students will meet regularly online for five weeks from July 7 to Aug 7, followed by 9 months of mentoring from experienced leaders in the field. Hear from an alum who is now in the workplace. Deadline for application is June 5 - scholarships are available for individuals who demonstrate financial need.