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Bringing BOT MISSION TO Girl Scouts



We are excited to announce our new Bot Mission workshop. This module is designed by Vision 1948 to teach students in grades K-3 programming and robotics. The session is highly interactive and tailored for young minds. Students learn about coding logic and apply it by programming robots to carry out a mission they design.

Bot Mission was piloted successfully on Saturday, May 9, with a group of Brownie scouts from the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana. Randee Adams, Jane Mack-Crane, Rose Martin, and Trese Engelstad led the session. The Girl Scouts enjoyed the workshop greatly, showing a high level of curiosity and eagerness to learn, and they asked good questions, concluding with a show-and-tell about their mission and earning 3 Brownie badges.

Plans are underway to offer the workshop to more Girl Scout troops as well as other community groups. Stay tuned!

New Trailblazer Featured



In May, as we celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, as well as reflect on the historic success of Artemis II, the first crewed flight of NASA's Orion spacecraft around the Moon, we are proud to recognize Josephine Jue as our May trailblazer.

A Chinese American mathematician and computer programmer, Jue joined NASA in 1963 and helped shape the technology behind America's human spaceflight achievements, including critical work on Space Shuttle software. Her pioneering career opened doors for women and Asian Americans in science and technology, while her legacy reminds us that today's milestones in space exploration are built upon the talent, persistence, and vision of trailblazers who came before. Visit the Trailblazer page on our website.

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RESOURCE INFO

College Engineering Student Panel

Know a high school student who is interested in studying engineering? Having trouble picking the right engineering major? Or maybe they are on the fence about choosing a STEM major at all?

The Society of Women Engineers Chicago Regional Section is hosting a panel event with college students and graduates for those interested in learning about the preparation for college engineering coursework, applications, and the overall experience as an engineering student. High school students will get a chance to hear from college students and graduates who were in their shoes not too long ago and can provide insight on what's to come, but also ask their own burning questions!

WHERE: 95th Street Library, Meeting Room C | 3015 Cedar Glade Dr., Naperville, IL 60564
WHEN: Thursday, June 11, 6-8 PM
REGISTRATION: $10 for 1 High School Student + 1 Parent or Legal Guardian - Click here for tickets!

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 student 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 August 7, followed by 9 months of mentoring from experienced leaders in the field. Hear from an alum who is now in the workplace. The deadline for application is June 5—scholarships are available for individuals who demonstrate financial need.

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. Volunteer roles include education, research, legislation, event planning, marketing, and more. Please consider joining us as a volunteer on this mission! Contact us at info@vision1948.org.

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