



Moorpark College Secures \$2.9 Million Grant for Project STEM Impacto
Grant program will encourage students to pursue STEM programs through 2025

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Moorpark, Calif. (September 10, 2020)--Moorpark College is pleased to announce that it has received a five-year, \$2.9 million Department of Education Title V grant for Project STEM Impacto. This grant, which creates and fosters student cohorts in biology, biotechnology and computer network systems engineering, will benefit Moorpark College students through September 2025.

The grant begins in October and will enhance STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Career Education (CE) programs. Moorpark College is on the cutting edge of CE for new students directly out of high school or professionals looking for advanced skills in a new industry. The CE programs offer a sequence of courses directly related to employment in high-demand, current and/or emerging occupations. Many of the programs in the CE arena at Moorpark College offer certificates that can be completed in as few as 12 months.

“Moorpark College continues to exhibit dedication and meaningful support for their STEM programs,” said Ventura County Community College District Board Chair Bernardo M. Perez. “This grant will be a great addition to the Career Education initiatives that we are implementing throughout the District.”

“This grant will support Moorpark College in its work to transform the lives of our students and improve our communities,” said Dr. Julius Sokenu, Interim President of Moorpark College. “It will help the college connect with students while they are still in high school, support them while they are at the college and link them to employers and potential jobs. We call it project STEM Impacto because we believe that this will make a major impact in the lives of hundreds of students over the next five years.”

The Project STEM Impacto grant's key components include STEM outreach to high schools, a summer bridge program, soft skills workshops, intensive counseling, peer mentoring, course-embedded tutors, work-based learning including paid internships and financial literacy workshops.