ROARING 25TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

A one-night fundraiser event benefitting the youth and families served by Project Exploration, and the city-wide, systems-building efforts it leads as the founder and backbone organization of the Chicago STEM Pathways Cooperative.

JUNE 20 5:30 PM

BRIDGEPORT ART CENTER
1200 W. 35th Street, Chicago, IL 60609

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
WHO IS PROJECT EXPLORATION?

Project Exploration's mission is to create transformative learning experiences, pathways, and a community for youth underrepresented in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), especially low-income students, students of color and young women, by allowing them to explore STEM careers and equipping them with the necessary skills, practices, and mindset needed for lifelong learning.

We achieve our mission through:

- Direct-Service Programs provided on the South and West sides of Chicago, which are free to students and allow them to explore career opportunities in finance, medicine, aeronautics, engineering, computer programming, and more. Hands-on opportunities afterschool and during school breaks coupled with mentorship from real-world STEM professionals allow K-12 students to overcome barriers to opportunities which are too often inaccessible in underserved neighborhoods.
- City and State-Wide STEM Ecosystem Initiatives, wherein PE convenes leaders within colleges and universities, museums, corporations, schools, government, and foundations to collectively identify and address systemic barriers to ensure that every student has equitable access to opportunities in STEM.

Our efforts are working! A ten-year longitudinal study (UC Berkeley, 2010) reveals that Project Exploration students are three-times as likely to enroll in a 4-year college as their peers, and one-third of PE alumni major in STEM once in college. In 25 years, we have helped pave the way for over 35,000 trailblazing Chicago students to explore and pursue STEM education and career opportunities. Now we need YOU! Help us continue to change the face of STEM.

ROARING 25TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER:
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

We invite you to help us celebrate this momentous milestone and our young people, and contribute to an ongoing narrative that will shape the lives of hundreds more Chicago students. Guests at this “Roaring Twenties-Themed” fundraising celebration will enjoy:

- presentations by PE students of their year-end projects
- curated cocktails, wine and beer, and an expansive buffet
- lively music and activities to engage with PE’s community of families and supporters
- a powerful awards ceremony to recognize students, alumni, parents, and partners who represent PE’s mission in action
- an exhilarating wine pull, silent auction, paddle raise, and more

Close the night with dessert and dancing overlooking Chicago’s skyline from Bridgeport Art Center. Roaring 20’s formal attire is encouraged - black tie optional.

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SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

Project Exploration is a nationally-recognized STEM education organization, which hosted leaders from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy in 2022 and will host the National STEM Learning Ecosystem Community of Practice Convening in 2023. Therefore, your support of our Roaring 25th Anniversary Fundraiser will not only better equip PE to achieve our mission, but also provide multiple benefits to you and/or your business:

- An opportunity to network with more than 250 guests, including some of Chicago’s most influential community leaders and representatives from many world-renowned corporations, museums, colleges and universities, foundations, and community based organizations.
- Maximum exposure throughout the event marketing campaign across multiple channels, including but not limited to: social media, event program, promotional materials, and event signage.
- Recognition on PE’s website and annual report for commitments of $5,000 and above, which resources and is distributed to nationwide partners and supporters.
- A direct way to create, develop, and enhance your social responsibility, and to invite your friends, family, and stakeholders to get to know a mission you support.

PE is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (tax ID: 36-4305660).

EVENT AT A GLANCE

WHEN
Thursday, June 20, 2024 - 5:30 - 10:00 pm

AGENDA
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - Doors Open, Welcome Reception and Student Presentations
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Silent Auction and Wine Pull Begin, Guests Find Seats and Enjoy First Course
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM - 25 Year Presentation
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Paddle Raise, Buffet Opens, Revisit Auction Items
8:00 PM - 8:45 PM - Guests Enjoy Dinner During Award Ceremony
8:45 PM - 9:00 PM - Last Call Silent Auction and Wine Pull
9:00 PM - 9:45 PM - DJ, Dessert, and Dancing. Silent Auction Winners May Check Out.
9:45 PM - 10:00 PM - Last Call for Drinks, Event Concludes

TICKETS
$150 per ticket
$1250 per table of 10

DRESS
20’s Themed Attire Optional, Black Tie Optional

VENUE
Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th Street, Chicago, IL 60609 (Ample Parking Available)

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## Advertise in the Roaring 25th Celebration Program

- Back Page - $500
- Inside Back Cover - $300
- Full Page Ad: 5.5" x 8.5" - $100
- Half Page Ad: 5.5" x 4.25" - $70
- Quarter Page Ad: 2.75" x 4.25" - $50
- Business Card Ad: 2" X 3.5" - $25
- Shout Outs (name of person or business) - $10

## In-Kind Donations

- Auction items will appear with your company logo prominently displayed
- Name recognition as a supporter on programs and auction notices

* Sponsorship must be confirmed by February 2 for inclusion in promotional materials
** Sponsorship must be confirmed by May 8 for inclusion in evening signage

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Thank you for your consideration and support!

To learn more about becoming a sponsor, contact:
Jackie Kolschowsky, Roaring 25th Event Chair
847-343-5452 or jackieoconnell5@yahoo.com

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Step 1 Contact Information

Company Name: 
Address: 
City: State: Postal Code: 
First Name: Last Name: 
Phone: Email: 

Step 2 Your Sponsorship

- ALL THAT JAZZ SPONSOR $50,000
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- FOX TROT SPONSOR $10,000
- FLAPPER SPONSOR $5,000
- RITZ SPONSOR $2,500
- TABLES AND TICKETS $1,250 table | $150 ticket
- PROGRAM AD $500 full | $250 half | $125 quarter

Step 3 Payment Method

- Cash
- VISA
- MasterCard
- American Express
- Check

Please contact me for payment info:
Name: Phone: 
Please make checks payable to Project Exploration

Card Number: 
Name on Card: 
Expiry Date: CVC: 

Step 4 Options

- Online at: www.projectexploration.org/donate
- Email Preferred (Instead of Mail)

Logo Submission:
- JPEG/EPS file format
- Email file to: kpatel@projectexploration.org

Step 5 Mail this Form or Contact Us

Project Exploration
4511 S. Evans Avenue | Chicago, IL 60653
312.273.4026 | kpatel@projectexploration.org

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