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***Interview of Mr. Christopher  
Williams Director of Partnership  
Development STEM U  
Offering STEM Electives at KHS***

## STEM U

connecting educators and youth to STEM

***Q: How long have you worked with STEM activities?***

**A:** Since 2010

***Q: What is the actual name of the new program?***

**A:** The STEM U iNoVaTe Lab Project.

***How was the agreement reached with Williamsburg County School District?*** The vision of Dr. Wymbs fueled the agreement with Williamsburg County School District. Dr. Wymbs understands education and the importance of reaching all students. He has his pulse on the future of education and how STEM is an intricate component of providing scholars with 21st learning skills. The agreement with STEM U and the school district was simplistic because we are both working towards the same goals, "Ensuring our scholars have access to equity resources and engaging content through the integration of STEM principles.

***Q. How would this program benefit students?***

**A:** The program has endless benefits for scholars: We don't have enough paper or time to express them all. Still, it prepares them for real-world scenarios, how to use their critical thinking skills, and expectations of Corporate working environments.

***Q: . How many students are ideal for this program?***

**A:**There is no ideal number of students for the program. The STEM iNoVaTe Lab is not designed to accommodate a specific classroom population. It is designed with all students in mind. Our STEM iNoVaTe Lab projects level the academic playing field. Scholars are not viewed as high flyers or low-performing scholars; they all have the same potential to succeed academically.

***Q: What do think makes this program so attractive for students?*** The STEM Model is attractive to students because we meet them where they are. We provide them with an experience, not just a class or classroom. The STEM U project changes the climate and culture of the traditional academic environment.

***Q: Who do students need to contact to enroll?***

**A:** The program is open to all students. They will have the opportunity to register for the class per their interest.

***Q: Is there an Orientation or Virtual Open House scheduled so parents can see what the program is like?***

**A:**Yes, we will have an unveiling, date and time TBD.

***Q: What else would you like to share about the program?***

**A:** STEM is not a fad. It's part of our everyday lives. When integrated correctly, it prepares scholars to Think Beyond the Box, not just Thinking Outside the Box. It prepares Educators to be creative with their teaching methodologies and deliveries. It turns a simple math problem into an adventure.