



Superintendent's Spotlight of the Week



Hamilton Musical Inspires STEM Academy Scholar..

On December 11, 2019 Lilian Abuku, a sophomore student at East Orange STEM Academy, walked confidently toward the spotlight on the center stage of the Richard Rodgers Theater, and the audience was riveted from the beginning to the end of her performance. Lilian had the opportunity to write and perform a spoken word monologue she created about Theodosia Burr Alston, the daughter of Aaron Burr, after being inspired by a letter she wrote to Burr. Lilian was part of the Hamilton Education Program known as EduHam. The program weaves Lin Manuel Miranda's acclaimed musical about Alexander Hamilton into the studies of American history.

This program allows students to learn about the history of the Founding Fathers the way the show's creator Lin-Manuel Miranda did: by studying original documents from the period. The program is funded in part by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute, which provided Lilian's teacher, Mrs. Maughan, with the primary source documents — letters, stories, poems and more — Lilian used to create her monologue. The assignment allows the students to be creative while still preserving historical accuracy and integrity— as Mr. Miranda did when he wrote the musical.

Lilian's hard work paid off on Wednesday, when the students did not throw away their shot on stage, and performed in front of hundreds of high school students from New York and New Jersey.



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Lilian was one of 11 students chosen to perform their own work on stage. Following the performance, EduHam provided students with tickets to see a matinee showing of "Hamilton." Lilian described this experience as one that

she will always remember. "I loved being backstage and talking with other people, and student performers. I was absolutely happy when performing on stage, it felt like a dream come true!" Kudos to Lilian!!!

East Orange STEM Academy Earns College Board AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award!!

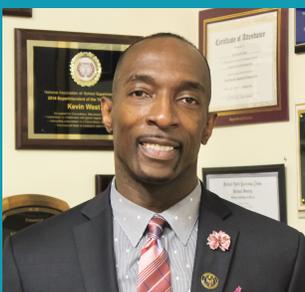
East Orange STEM Academy has earned the College Board AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded young women’s access to AP computer science courses.



Out of the 20,000 institutions that offer AP courses, 818 achieved this important result during the 2018-2019 school year--nearly 20% more than the 685 schools recognized last year. In 2019, East Orange STEM Academy was one of 639 recognized in the category of AP Computer Science Principles. An additional 36 schools received the award for both CSP and CSA.

Schools receiving the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have achieved either 50% or higher female representation in either or both of the AP computer science courses, or the percentage of female computer science examinees meets or exceeds that of the school’s female population. “East Orange STEM Academy is empowering young women to see themselves as creators, innovators, and problem-solvers,” said Stefanie Sanford, College Board global policy chief. “We hope to see even more high schools inspire female students to harness the potential of an AP computer science education.”

The introduction of AP Computer Science Principles in 2016 was the largest course launch in AP Program history. In 2019, nearly 100,000 students took the AP CSP exam, more than doubling participation in three years. During that time, the number of female AP CSP students has far outpaced overall growth, with an increase of 136%. Providing female students with access to computer science courses is necessary to ensuring gender parity in high-paying technology jobs and to drive innovation, creativity, and competition. A 2014 Google study found that women are more likely to pursue computer science if they are given the opportunity to explore it in high school.n Kudos to TEAM STEM Academy!



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