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**STEPCon24: Shaping the Future of STEM in the Inland Empire**

*Inland Empire, CA* – September 20, 2024 – STEPCon, the region's premier STEM education event, returns in 2024 with three exciting conferences designed to inspire students, empower educators, and equip counselors. Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, STEPCon24 offers unique experiences for each group, featuring hands-on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and exciting career opportunities in the Inland Empire.

This year, STEPCon24 will take place on October 10, November 6 and November 7 at the Bourns Technology Center in Riverside. The event will be divided into three conferences:

1. **Student STEPCon** – *Inspiring the Next Generation of Innovators* – October 10

As the highlight for young STEM enthusiasts, Student STEPCon delivers a hands-on, interactive experience for students from 4th grade through 12th grade. Participants will explore science experiments, engaging technology exhibits, and exciting roundtable discussions with STEM experts. This dynamic environment offers students a chance to meet one-on-one with college educators and industry professionals, discover future careers in STEM, and enjoy thrilling presentations and demonstrations from exhibitors across a variety of industries.

For more information on Student STEPCon, [https://step-stem.org/C\\_STUDENTS.CFM](https://step-stem.org/C_STUDENTS.CFM)

2. **Educator STEPCon** – *Empowering Teachers to Shape Tomorrow's Leaders*– November 6

Dedicated to equipping educators with the latest tools and strategies in STEM instruction, this conference provides professional development opportunities, curriculum enhancement sessions, and networking opportunities with fellow teachers and STEM professionals. For more

information on the Educator STEPCon, [https://step-stem.org/C\\_EDUCATORS.CFM](https://step-stem.org/C_EDUCATORS.CFM)

3. **Counselor STEPCon** – *Guiding Students Towards STEM Pathways* – November 7

School counselors will gain valuable insights into how to guide students toward STEM careers, including workshops on scholarship opportunities, emerging fields, and effective career counseling practices for STEM-related education. For more information on Counselor STEPCon,

[https://step-stem.org/C\\_COUNSELORS.CFM](https://step-stem.org/C_COUNSELORS.CFM)

## **About STEPCon**

STEPCon is an annual event that has grown to become a critical platform for promoting STEM education in the Inland Empire. The event attracts students, educators, and counselors from across the region, providing a collaborative space to learn, share ideas, and inspire a passion for STEM fields.

## **How to Attend STEPCon24**

Registration for STEPCon24 is now open! To register or learn more about the conference, visit [STEP: Science and Technology Education Partnership \(stepconference.org\)](https://stepconference.org).

## **Media Inquiries**

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