

# Northern New Mexico is Full STEAM Ahead: Check Out the new NM STEAM Hub Social Media Pages and Online Resource Portal

## STEAM Hub is Online

**SANTA FE, NM** – In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the [Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation](#) (LANL Foundation) and the Los Alamos National Laboratory Community Partnerships Office (LANL-CPO), in collaboration with the Community Learning Network and several other partners, launched an online hub for science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) to provide parents, teachers, and students with resources for remote education and STEAM learning at home. The website has had over 1,700 unique visitors since it went online in April.

“Educational nonprofits, educators, and organizations across New Mexico have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by rapidly adapting programming for online and distance learning,” said Jenny Parks, CEO / President of LANL Foundation, “the online STEAM Hub and social media channels provide a great way to showcase and share updates on resources, activities, programs, and events as organizations and schools adapt to the current crisis.”

Janelle Vigil-Maestas, education specialist at the LANL-CPO, added: “Many Lab employees and community members have young children at home and this is a great place to go for a range of inspiring and educational activities and ideas.”

The project has also been supported by Santa Fe Community College’s PROTEC interns and North Central New Mexico Economic Development Department’s AmeriCorps Vista: Daria Teterczyk, Elaine Gutierrez, and Elizabeth Eppley. At the same time, Anjeli Doty, a LANL-CPO graduate research assistant, has facilitated the launch of the NM STEAM Hub social media channels and supported data collection and analysis, as well as on-going development of the website portal. Education specialists at LANL and staff at LANL Foundation have also helped compile the growing list of learning resources featured on the site.

As Jennifer Nevarez from the Community Learning Network noted: “We are constantly adding resources and encourage teachers and parents to check the online portal and Facebook page

regularly for updates on what is happening and available in our region in support of high-quality STEAM education and career pathway development.”

### **Accessing STEAM Hub Resources**

The free online resource portal [www.nmsteamhub.com](http://www.nmsteamhub.com) brings together local and national resources to support teachers and families with STEAM learning at home. Accessible in both English and Spanish, the online resource portal offers educational content in the five STEAM areas, as well as a section dedicated to environmental science. The website features categorized links and activities from regional partners like STEM Santa Fe, Twirl, and Explora, as well as virtual STEAM field trips, curriculum, at-home activities, and resources from national organizations including Youcubed.org, National Geographic, Khan Academy, NASA, and the TGR Foundation.

The “For Teachers” section includes professional development resources, guides for creating distance learning curriculum and video lessons, and content to facilitate learning for special needs students and those without access to technology.

The site also features a “For Parents” section and a *Parent’s Guide to STEM* from STEMx, a national, multi-state network to support STEM education and career pathways, by Battelle, one of the three nonprofit partners that comprise Triad LLC, the managing entity for Los Alamos National Laboratory.

### **Time to Connect**

STEAM educators, advocates, and agencies are encouraged to join and follow the STEAM Hub Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages. This valuable social media resource is a great place for organizations to share updates and inform parents, teachers, and students, as well as schools, districts, and civic organizations who are eager to strengthen opportunities for STEAM education and career pathways in Northern New Mexico. The STEAM hub is a collective endeavor, to submit photos, videos, or information on STEAM events, activities, programs, progress, and feedback. Email [NMSTEAMHub@gmail.com](mailto:NMSTEAMHub@gmail.com).

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