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Rhonda Peters James Set to Present Economic Impact of STEM

PHOENIX, AZ – The State of Black Arizona will host a STEM-Parent Brunch and Advocacy workshop for the families of middle school students who participated in the STEM-Student Summit from Roosevelt School District No. 66. It will be held at the ASU Mercado Center, November 18, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The State of Black Arizona has partnered with Intel, ASU Foundation and the Arizona Science Center in pursuit of STEM based initiatives. Parents will be given 21st century information on the skills and value of an education/career in STEM for their children in our community.

Between the years 2015-16 the STEM Summits were attended by more than 75 families representing 13 different K-8 and middle schools across Arizona. Parents are a vital link in our ability to accelerate the growth of underrepresented minorities pursuing an education or career in STEM.

“Don’t limit your thinking by what you see. If you want something even though you may not see it today, that is an opportunity for YOU to create it! YOU have the opportunity to create your future! Go after it!”

Rhonda Peters James

The State of Black Arizona received very positive feedback from parents during last year’s Summit. One parent stated “The STEM program has been an amazing experience for my daughter and me. We are so blessed to have been a part of this for so many reasons. My daughter has been able to learn more about her possibilities and her identity. She can now see she has no limits as to what she can accomplish and strive for. Thank you for your dedication and service.”

The State of Black Arizona would like to thank its sponsors, contributors and supporters for their ongoing support. Our premier sponsors include: APS Foundation and its Network for Urban Engagement group (NUE), ASU Foundation and Arizona Science Center. Our silver and supporting sponsors; Maricopa Community College District, Comerica Bank, Cox Communications, Intel, National Coalition for 100 Black Women of Metropolitan Phoenix and SRP.

About the State of Black Arizona:

The State of Black Arizona creates a platform for the synthesis of data, demographics, and research that informs the community on the status of African Americans in Arizona. The data is intended to help community leaders and organizations with action planning and decision-making related to the issues and concerns of the state. We believe as a result of this work, the data will compel both the decision-makers and the grassroots community to move towards concerted efforts that provide solutions to improve the lives of all Arizonans.

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