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## CCA PROGRAM QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



### GRATITUDE

Karen Jones, CEO & Executive Director

As we conclude the 2019-2020 program year, I would like to extend a tremendous amount of gratitude to our Young Leaders, sponsors, volunteers and community partners. Although the year was unexpectedly interrupted, we can still celebrate a successful program year thanks to all of your efforts.

This year we hosted 600 Young Leaders, completing 75 programming events. A few of the most exciting programs focused on aviation, robotics and volunteerism. In addition, we were quickly able to convert our remaining workshops and programs into virtual events, including our annual Mother-Daughter Tea, in which 22 Young Leaders participated virtually. As we continue to be faced with the uncertainty of conducting live engagements, we intend to start the 2020-2021 program year with virtual events. Although it is not our preference, we are excited for the opportunity to incorporate new ways of learning and engaging all of you. More details on our virtual programming is coming soon.

Again, this year would not have been possible without all of you. To CCA's Young Leaders, thank you for demonstrating true agility and commitment. Thank you to our amazing volunteers who contributed more than 1,600 hours of their time to ensure a successful program year. And to our community and corporate sponsors, thank you. Without your support, CCA would not be able to provide this level of extensive S.T. E<sup>2</sup>.A.M. programs to our Young Leaders.

We appreciate your continued support and are looking forward to a successful 2020-2021 program year. **Registration starts on August 15, 2020.** 



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CCA, TO REGISTER, OR DONATE TO SUPPORT FUTURE S.T. E<sup>2</sup>.A.M. LEADERS, SCAN QR CODE:



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# **Program Highlights**





### **AVIATION DAY**

Young Leaders, in 4th to 9th grades, participated in Girls Aviation Day at United Airlines. They spent the day discussing careers in aviation, the mechanics of aircrafts and taking a behind the scenes tour.

## CORPORATE STEM DAY

Corporate partners joined together to host the first CCA STEM Day. More than 60 Young Leaders and volunteers attended workshops on pharmaceutical product development, STEM careers within the industry and a tour of research laboratories.



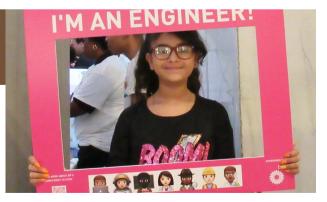


### GIRLS ENTREPRENEUR EXPO

A total of 45 Young Leaders and volunteers engaged with more than 50 young entrepreneurs in discussions on starting and developing their own business. Great to also support an 11 year old new author, CCA's Nylah Sirmons.

### CHICAGO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

In partnership with MSI, 103 Young Leaders and their families had fun engaging in various hands on STEM related activities and learning about STEM Careers during our annual museum outings. For many Young Leaders, this was their first visit to MSI!



**NEW Program Year Registration:** To continue to keep all of our students safe, Chocolate Chips Association will start our 2020 - 2021 Programs in alignment with the CDC Covid-19 restrictions. We will begin our Fall programming with virtual events and are very excited to have our corporate and community partners aligning with CCA to host virtual S.T. E<sup>2</sup>.A.M. workshops and career events. Workshop kits will be provided to all registered young leaders along with other supplies as needed.

**Registration will begin August 15, 2020** for all Young Leaders (Elementary, Middle and High School) and programming will begin in mid September. We look forward to the opportunity of continuing to expose, inspire and empower the next generation of female S.T. E<sup>2</sup>.A.M. Leaders.