

# NEWSLETTER 2025



## DMH Foundation Event



Scott Perraud, Danny Simon,  
Anna Glazer Simon, Maddie Yastrow,  
Jacqueline Trotter Lotzof, Alex Lipschultz,  
Marissa Pines, Kate Levine



Dwight Dixon, DSY Graduate,  
Speaking to Attendees

Over 80 people gathered to reflect on David's legacy and celebrate the accomplishments of the first three years of the David M. Herskovits Foundation. The evening was filled with heartfelt moments, including a moving testimonial from Dwight Dixon, a graduate of the DSY program, now working with The All-Star Project of Chicago. Emily Wyant performed a song written in David's memory, contributing to an unforgettable evening. While David may no longer be with us physically, his legacy continues to impact lives and make a difference.

## FAU Stiles-Nicholson STEM Teacher Academy's Brainwaves March 31st 2025: Igniting Innovation Symposium

On March 31, 2025, the DMH Foundation and FAU Brain Institute hosted the inaugural **Brainwaves Symposium**, uniting over 40 educators to explore neuroscience-based strategies for STEM learning. The event spotlighted teacher-led research, empowered innovation, and fostered community connections—setting the stage for a dynamic annual tradition.



On August 15th, 2024, **Northmoor Country Club in Highland Park, IL** was the scene of a perfect golf day and a successful evening.

We ensured that we will be able to honor our commitments, touching the lives of under-served youth, educating all ages through our upcoming projects, and keeping David's positive energy alive and moving forward! Special thanks to Danny and Anna Glazer Simon for sponsoring the event at Northmoor Country Club.



Owen & Chris  
Wyant

IN 2024, WE RAISED  
**OVER**  
**\$100K**

*We sincerely thank our  
generous donors for  
making this possible.*

## LOOKING AHEAD:

Join us for

**PRESIDENTS  
DAY WEEKEND  
2026**

**February 14th-16th  
BOCA RATON,  
FLORIDA**

We hope to see you and  
your family there to support  
the DMH Foundation!

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Scott Perraud



**DMH Foundation Board Member  
Dina Wizmur at the DSY Orientation**  
October 2024 | New York City

## Development School for Youth

### All Stars Project | New York City

In conjunction with the Development School for Youth, this performance-based approach helps inner-city youth and their families create success through developmental coaching by teaching teens how to work in partnership with corporate leaders. Through his work at Brookfield Renewable Partners, David found great meaning in helping young people through direct coaching and mentoring. In October, Dina Wizmur, one of the DMH Foundation's board members, spoke with students at the DSY orientation. Rita attended the Fall 2024 graduation of 60 students from the rigorous 10-week intern training program on December 11, 2024. Reflecting on the event, she shared, "It was a truly impressive celebration. The students I met showcased remarkable growth and determination. This program is not only worthwhile but also life-changing for these individuals."

## Supporting Discovery Science Museum's Redevelopment Discovery Place Nature

The DMH Foundation is excited to support the redevelopment of the Discovery Science Museum in Charlotte, North Carolina to create a space that empowers visitors to adopt eco-friendly practices for a sustainable future. This project will transform 13 acres into an environmental education space where visitors can explore the outdoors and learn sustainability practices that benefit the planet. The museum's mission to "increase environmental awareness and science literacy through high and low technologies" aligns perfectly with the foundation's focus on education and innovation. Another exciting part of the museum redevelopment will be the **David M. Herskovits Solar and Renewable Energy Innovations Science Cart**. This dynamic, mobile exhibit will educate visitors on the latest advancements in solar energy, offering hands-on learning experiences that showcase the power of renewable technology in an engaging and accessible way.



**To Be  
Completed and  
Opened in 2026**



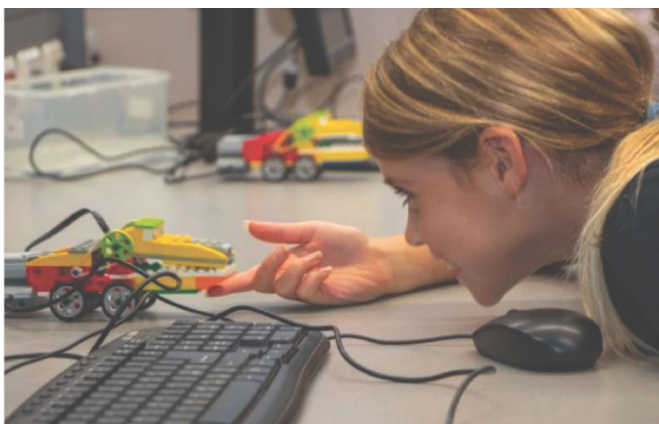




Meaningful Experiences STEM Program



Robotics and Digital Technology Center



KIBO Robotics and Technology

## MADATECH STEM Program Update

Since its launch in 2022, the MADATECH STEM program, supported by the DMH Foundation, has been a beacon of collaboration and innovation. It engages 450 sixth and seventh graders from diverse cultural backgrounds in Northern Israel. As a result, despite facing regional challenges, the program has resumed classes, focusing on cooperative learning, problem-solving, and bridging cultural gaps through STEM education. It targets traditionally underrepresented groups, including Druze, Christians, Jews, Muslims, new immigrants, and individuals from lower socioeconomic backgrounds. This initiative continues to equip students with essential skills to navigate their middle school journey and beyond. Successful participants often become community role models, inspiring widespread social change and progress.

## Meaningful Experiences Program

The Meaningful Experiences Program, part of the MADATECH initiative, enhances science education for 5th and 7th graders through interactive projects in science museums. Students explore topics like technological systems, astronomy, and energy engineering, gaining both academic knowledge and 21st-century skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, and innovation. This hands-on approach deepens their understanding of curriculum subjects and prepares them for future careers in science and technology. The program boosts academic performance while fostering essential life skills, helping students to meet future challenges. Its innovative learning model is highly valued for its significant impact on STEM education and personal development.



MADATECH  
Toy Invention  
Camp



# The David M Herskovits CASSE

*(Certificate of Sustainability)*

## Syracuse University Scholarship

The DMH Foundation will proudly be represented at the 2025 CASSE Program graduation ceremony. Rosa Alshehri, the 2024 scholarship recipient, is completing her Master's Degree in Architecture and Building Performance Technology as well as the CASSE program through The Whitman School of Management, Syracuse University. Her emphasis is on sustainable enterprise management – which is vitally important in Architecture as well as business more broadly.

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## President's Day Weekend 2026: Fun for All Ages!

Mark your calendars for February 14-16, 2026, as we host our President's Day Weekend celebration in Boca Raton, FL! Enjoy family-friendly activities like pickleball, tennis, golf, watersports, an exciting basketball tournament and more. Highlights include a sunset reception and dinner on Saturday at The Boca Raton, Sunday tournaments, relays, and a casual cookout, culminating in Monday's wrap-up brunch.

Don't miss this exciting fundraiser for the DMH Foundation! Information for lodging options and specific details will be coming soon!



**Boca Grove Courts**



**Boca Grove Pool  
& Facilities**

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## Solar Rollers Update

The Solar Rollers project was the DMH Foundation's first educational initiative. Before the foundation's creation, David used Solar Rollers in Brunswick, Georgia, as his first outreach tool, alongside establishing a utility-scale solar energy field that still operates today. Solar Rollers engage student teams in designing, building, and racing solar-powered radio-controlled cars. Recently, the DMH Foundation supported the kit's redesign and expanded its reach. The Solar Rollers Foundation is "rolling" into the future, broadening its impact across the country with an improved, innovative kit.



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