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Equity in STEAM Education -- Sally Ride Science STEAM Series



WATCH: Panel Discussion on Equity in STEAM Education

The inaugural event in the new Sally Ride Science STEAM Series was a panel discussion on why it is crucial to strive for equity in STEAM education. Watch a video of the Feb. 28 discussion from [The STEAM Channel](http://www.uctv.tv/steam/search-details.aspx?showID=31920) (<http://www.uctv.tv/steam/search-details.aspx?showID=31920>) on University of California Television.

STEM education refers to science, technology, engineering, and math. STEAM education adds an “A” for the arts. Proponents of STEAM education believe that to succeed in science and technical fields, students must also be exposed to creative thinking through arts programs.

Panelists were Dalouge Smith, president and CEO of the San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory; Karen Flammer, cofounder and director of education for Sally Ride Science at UC San Diego; Heather Lattimer, interim executive director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship in Education at the University of San Diego; and Francisco Escobedo, superintendent of the Chula Vista Elementary School District..

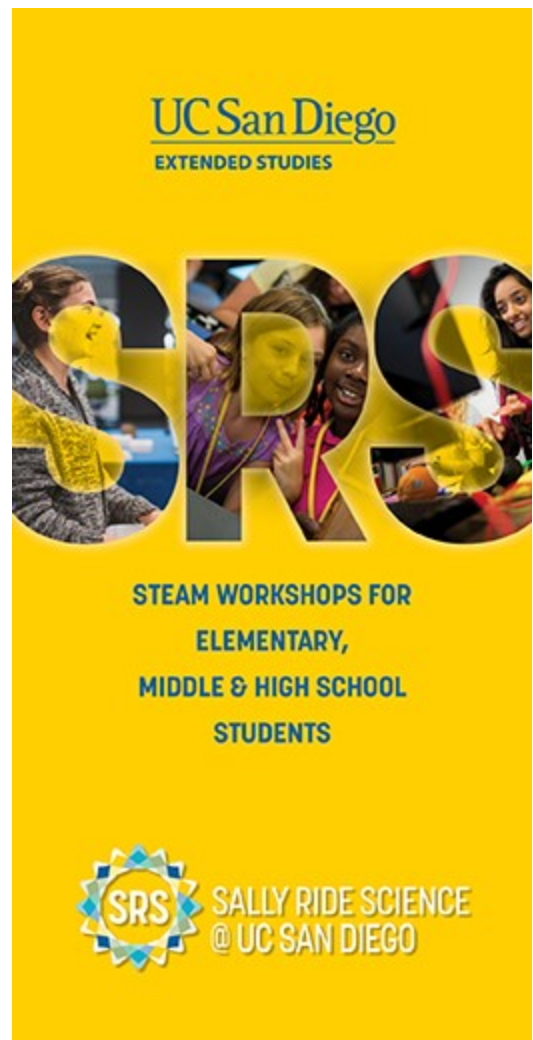
The panelists explored the importance of STEAM education to the innovation economy. They also discussed the wide disparities in access to advanced STEAM education programs and the need to make these programs available to all students.

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