

October 18, 2023

STEAM Day Friends,

You are invited to attend the 30<sup>th</sup>!!! Annual STEAM Day on campus at Saint Francis University on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Registration begins that day at 8:30 in the morning in the JFK Student Center, the welcome begins at 9:00, and exciting presentations are offered all through the day each hour beginning at 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, and 12:30. Each student will register and indicate their intended college major and preferred presentations to attend. Each high school student and teacher will enjoy lunch on campus during one of the last three hours.

The charge of \$15 per person attending is the same as in previous years. The preferred payment method is a single check from you or your school for the total amount made payable to Saint Francis University and delivered to campus or mailed to Saint Francis University, School of STEAM c/o Samantha Gorman, 169 Lakeview Drive, Loretto, PA 15940. That amount covers lunch, other materials, and a pair of new and exciting "lab socks" for everyone attending. The lab socks were a hit in previous years, so excited to explain and show this year's tessellation version.

We ask that the main contact teacher for each school register through the Teacher Registration link on the <u>STEAM</u> <u>Day website</u>. You and other teachers will be able to attend any sessions, so you will not choose sessions. Please only one teacher from each school complete that form and include the names of other teachers.

Each student should go to the same <u>website</u> to find the Student Registration form (https://www.francis.edu/steam-day). All students are asked to attend at least one of the four Keynote Sessions, so are asked to select at least one of the four. Each student will also choose five additional sessions that interest them and be assigned to a total of three sessions and lunch during the four possible options. Session demand and room seating will determine which sessions each student receives. Please have students read the session descriptions on the STEAM Day website so they can make informed session decisions in selecting sessions. That list includes a complete description for each session, along with the names and titles of speakers. We will try to assign students to their requested sessions, but we will have to make alternate assignments if capacities are exceeded. Their intended college major is helpful in assigning students to relevant sessions for each of them.

We are excited that the four keynote sessions include a session focused on the A (Arts) in STEAM, one focused on industrial science applications featuring a graduate of one of our local high schools, one featuring AI and big data uses in health care, and a new student panel discussion we are calling "Day in the Life" to help students know more of what to expect in college from the student perspective. The other 37 sessions include many of the popular sessions from the past and some new offerings. Basically, there should be something for everyone.

If you have questions about any of the logistics, please contact any of us listed below. Dr. Peter Skoner, <u>pskoner@francis.edu</u>, (814) 472-3085 office, or (814) 241-7383 mobile Samantha Gorman, <u>sgorman@francis.edu</u>, (814) 472-3434 Beth Warner, bwarner@francis.edu, (814) 471-1215

Teachers, thank you for doing all that you do. This event could never happen without all the hard work you do to organize your stationts. We have built some lasting relationships over the past 29 years. We look forward to seeing you at TEAM Day number 30!

Pete Skoner, Ed.D., P.E. Dean of the School of STEAM