



OC STEM PROJECT ACABADO

Greetings Colleagues:

Oxnard College's STEM grant, Project Acabado, is excited to share two opportunities available to your students:

- 1) **OC STEM Circuit**
- 2) **Viewfinder**

1) **OC STEM Circuit**

The OC STEM circuit serves as a guided pathway from eighth grade all the way to college/career.

We have provided you with three lesson plans to help you disseminate the information provided on the circuit (reference OC STEM Circuit poster) to your students.

The goal of providing the OC STEM circuit is to have tomorrow's innovative STEM professionals point to the Oxnard Plains as their childhood home and the birthplace of their professional passion.

We have also provided a second 11x17 poster serving as a commitment to pursuing college/career. Please have the students sign their commitment to the OC STEM Circuit. We would love to have a group photo with the signature poster visible. We will share it on all of our social media platforms to help you celebrate.

Also included in your packet:

- a. List of STEM paths offered at Oxnard College
- b. Words from OC's future engineers- 11X17 posters

2) **Viewfinder**

This summer, Oxnard College's STEM program will host 90 local students in a free two-week STEM experience called Viewfinder.

We encourage you to promote this opportunity to your students. We will keep the district updated on the number of applicants from individual schools.

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Viewfinder: Summer Experience

- Viewfinder summer experiences bring STEM subject matter interest and hobbies into focus.
- Merge STEM exploration with hands-on learning to unearth career paths and enhance STEM skills and life skills.
- Learn by doing and create friendships along the way. STEM is everywhere and for everyone.

Viewfinder FAQs:

1. *Who is eligible to apply for Viewfinder?*
 - a. Rising 9th graders through rising seniors are eligible to apply (i.e., students entering 9th-12th grades in Fall 2018). This means that current seniors who are graduating in 2018 (i.e., this academic year) are not eligible but 8th graders going into high school are eligible.
2. *When are students expected to attend?*
 - a. Dates: June 18th-June 29th (Monday-Friday only)
 - b. Time: 8:30am-2:30pm
3. *Where will Viewfinder take place?*
 - a. Viewfinder will take place at Oxnard College. Students will be expected to provide their own transportation to and from campus.
4. *When is the application deadline?*
 - a. We encourage your students to apply as soon as possible. This is a rolling admissions based on sincere applications.
5. *How do students access the Viewfinder application?*
 - a. Students can access the online application by going to the website listed on the poster we will provide you: ocstemcenter.org. We provide a link to the Viewfinder application on the homepage of our website.

We look forward to this collaborative effort to foster excitement amongst the youth of our community toward STEM innovation and exploration. Tomorrow's STEM professionals are students in our community today. Thus, through this collaboration, we can guide our students towards who they are meant to be.

Sincerely,

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