

# COUNCIL ON WOMEN AND GIRLS

## Education and STEAM Subcommittee

Full Council Update  
November 16, 2021



# PURPOSE & LEADERSHIP

“Encouraging educational advancement for women and girls, particularly in the areas of science, technology, engineering, the arts and math”

## CO-CHAIRS:

Commissioner Bongsi Magubane, Department of Motor Vehicles  
Executive Director Tim Larson, Office of Higher Education



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# SUBCOMMITTEE PRIORITIES

Our primary goals and priorities remain:

- *Establishing* career pathway programs to keep talent in the state
- *Strengthening* arts infrastructure and integrate arts with mainstream careers
- *Developing* a platform to communicate opportunities and increase public awareness in STEAM fields
- *Promoting* inclusion of girls in technology fields and negate the “middle school cliff” where girls lose interest in STEAM after the seventh grade

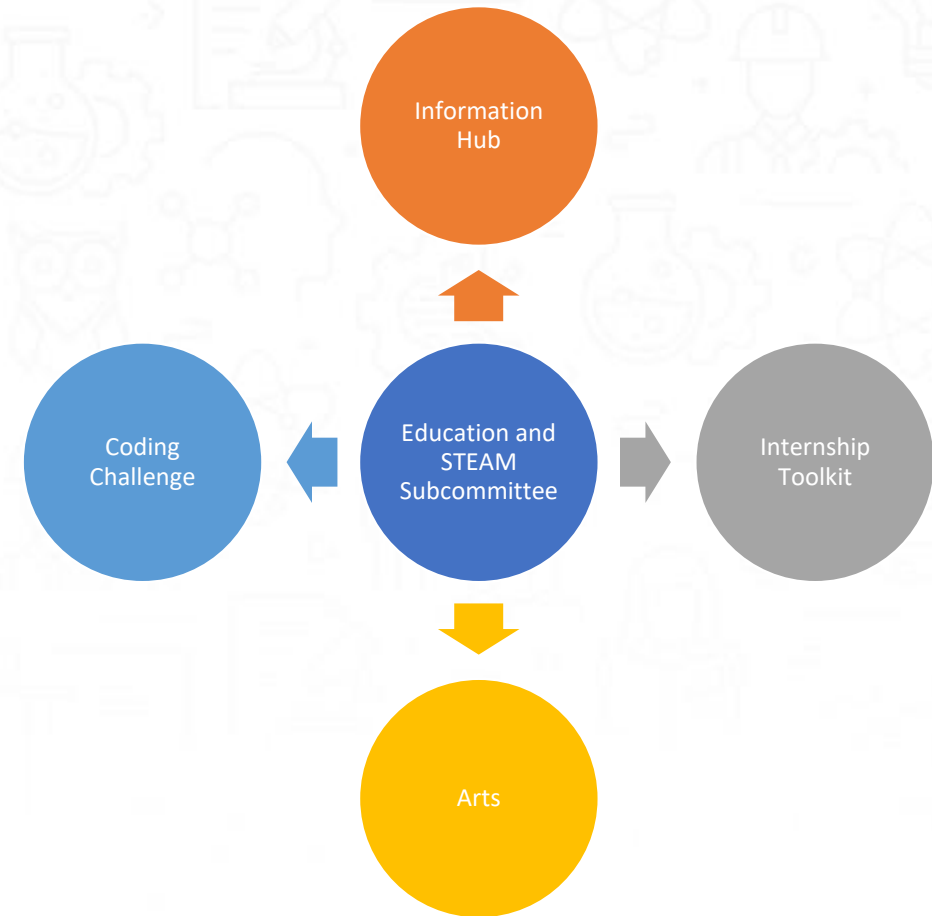


# SUBCOMMITTEE & WORKING GROUPS

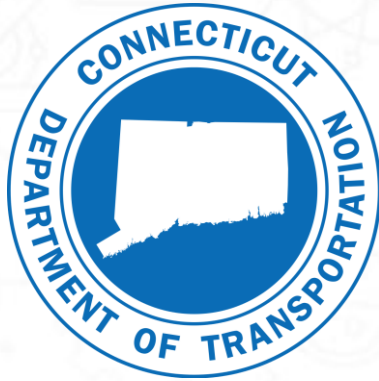
We are **full STEAM** ahead!

Updates from:

- Coding Challenge
- Information Hub
- Internship Toolkit
- Arts



# STATE AGENCY PARTICIPATION



Department of Economic and  
Community Development



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# CODING CHALLENGE



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- This year's theme will be **social emotional well-being** (tag line still in development)
- 2022 challenge will feature three tiers for submission
- A fiscal lead has been found! - sponsorships can now be solicited





# CODING CHALLENGE CONT.

- Provide educators in schools and informal settings with support through activities in December by leveraging **“Computer Science Education Week”**
- Subcommittees have been formed: Marketing, Funding, Challenge Content
- **Project Lead** is Jen Michalek with State Department of Education ([jennifer.michalek@ct.gov](mailto:jennifer.michalek@ct.gov))





# INFORMATION HUB



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# INFORMATION HUB

- Information Hub is now “**Opportunities Hub**” – more relevant to the type of content that would be on the webpage
- Members meet weekly to discuss development, brainstorm ideas, and plan for the next week
- **Project Manager** is Jonathan Richter, Intern with the Office of Higher Education ([jonathan.richter@ct.gov](mailto:jonathan.richter@ct.gov))

# INFORMATION HUB CONT.



- Identity designed by Jonathan to bring the project closer to reality.
- Pam Casiano from SDE has been instrumental with website development and planning.
- Currently weighing user experience design versus capabilities of Sitecore.

# INTERNSHIP TOOLKIT & ARTS



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# INTERNSHIP TOOL-KIT

- Development of the toolkit is still ongoing
- Robust involvement continues from both private and public sector members of the subcommittee

# ARTS

- Undergoing restructuring caused by work conflicts among volunteers
- New member recommendations that were made by the Arts Subcommittee have been approved by the Lieutenant Governor's office and invitations have been extended
- Formal acceptance responses from the subcommittee's volunteers are ongoing.