

STEM Academy Celebrates Another Successful Year



The University STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) Academy hosted its end of year luncheon and graduation on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at Parkview Community Medical Center Hospital. The students and their families enjoyed dinner, live entertainment and guest speakers. The Academy is a free program that takes place at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) on Saturday mornings from mid-fall through early spring. Students in grades six through nine participate in ten Saturday sessions, while their parents attend workshops to hear special guest speakers.

This year's theme for the Academy was **Quality Healthcare for All**. Students focused specifically on Naturopathic medicine and cures. To complete the program with a certificate, students were required to formally present their research projects individually or in groups. They were also given the creative freedom to communicate their findings in the form of multimedia presentations such as videos, rap songs and Power Point.

Dr. Carolyn Murray, is a Psychology professor at UCR and the Executive Director of the Academy. In July 2018 Dr. Murray received an award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for her achievements in public health and for addressing health disparities in the African-American community.

