

Gold Coast Science Network

Dedicated to improving the quality of STEM Education

GCSN is a chapter of the California Science Teachers Association (CSTA)

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2017 GCSN Conference for STEM Education

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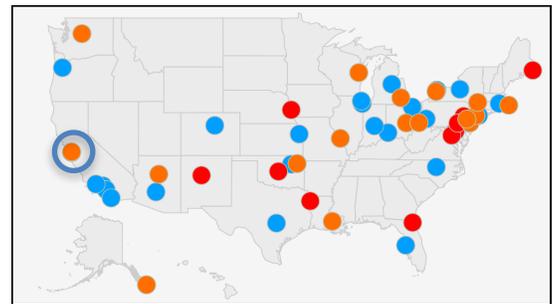
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Saturday, November 4, 2017 ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ~ Oxnard Community College

Request for Sponsorship

Gold Coast Science Network (GCSN) is currently seeking sponsors for the 2017 GCSN Conference for STEM Education. We invite your organization to be a part of this great event and respectfully request you to consider conference sponsorship in the amount of \$2500. This amount will fund the breakfast or lunch portion of the program, or one of two keynote speakers. Sponsors will be acknowledged extensively at the event and receive a one-page ad in the conference program. They will also be highlighted on the GCSN webpage and Facebook page, and via social media. Sponsors also receive an exhibitor table at the conference.

GCSN is a local chapter of the California Science Teachers Association (CSTA) serving Ventura County and its neighboring communities since 1993. GCSN is dedicated to helping local teachers, STEM education organizations, businesses, and concerned community members learn about the state science standards and develop collaborative relationships that support STEM education in order to advance the future potential of the California STEM workforce. Ventura County was nationally recognized as a STEM Learning Ecosystem in 2016 because of its cross-sector collaborations to deliver rigorous, effective preK-16 instruction in STEM education (learn more at <http://stemecosystems.org>). Business, schools, and nonprofits work together to build a STEM Learning Ecosystem. One of the most important contributions GCSN makes towards this cause is coordination of the semi annual Conference for STEM education.



Ventura County is one of only 54 STEM Learning Ecosystems in the United States.

More than 150 educators are anticipated to attend the 2017 GCSN Conference for STEM Education. While the target audience for the conference is educators, registration is open to the public and community participation is welcome. Each conference includes two inspirational keynote speakers and four professional development workshop sessions. There is also an exhibitor area which provides an opportunity for participants to explore STEM education services and learn about local nonprofit organizations and their programs. Photos and workshop descriptions from prior conferences are available on the GCSN website at www.goldcoastscience.net.

In addition to the conference, GCSN organizes workshops for STEM educators and community members throughout the year. For example, last year GCSN organized a biotechnology education workshop as well as a series of environmental education workshops. GCSN has been able to keep the registration fee for the conference and professional development workshops extremely low due to its long-time partnership with Oxnard College and because these events are entirely volunteer driven. In addition, GCSN has enjoyed generous support from multiple sponsors. **Without these sponsors, GCSN would not be able to offer these high quality experiences to educators and members of our community.**

GCSN appreciates your role in our STEM Learning Ecosystem and hopes your organization will earnestly consider conference sponsorship in the amount of \$2500.

Respectfully,

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