



*STEM INNOVATIONS: BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE TOGETHER*

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Participants and Volunteers

On behalf of the Organizational Committee of Maryland Collegiate STEM Conference, we regret to inform you that the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference scheduled on May 2, 2020 to be hosted by Carroll Community College has been **postponed to next year.**

This decision has been made after closely monitoring the development of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the guidelines released recently by CDC and Maryland Department of Health and also based on all the Maryland public and private colleges going online remote teaching after spring break for two weeks or more. The decision has been made keeping in mind the safety and welfare of all the participants which is paramount to all of us.

While we are sad to postpone the conference this year, we are pleased to inform that the **6<sup>th</sup> Conference will be held on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 next year at Montgomery College - Germantown campus.**

All registrants, vendors and sponsors have the option to carry over the fees paid to next year's 2021 conference. As a goodwill, such registrants, vendors and sponsors will not have to pay any potential increase in registration fees, vendor registration and/or sponsorship costs. For those who made a registration payment for a group, the Conference, as a goodwill gesture, will honor that payment for the group attending next year with the full understanding the participants may change as some students are set to graduate this academic year.

However, if you or your organization would like a refund, that request will be honored as well and full payment will be refunded to the mailing address provided on the registration form if you paid via check. Credit card transactions will be refunded for those who paid by credit card. If you and/or your organization would like a refund, you must contact Professor Kiersten Newtoff by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via email at [kiersten.newtoff@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:kiersten.newtoff@montgomerycollege.edu)

To those of you who have submitted an abstract and would like to present the same presentation next year at the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference, you must contact Professor Gwen Gilinger at [ggilinger@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:ggilinger@ccbcmd.edu) by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, the Organization Committee greatly appreciates your understanding during this challenging time and wishing you all a safe and successful semester. We look forward to seeing as many of you and others on Saturday May 1, 2021 at Montgomery college for the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference.

*Stay safe, everyone!*

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