



# YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

## math and science

**WHAT** The “**Leading the Way: Youth Leadership Summit for Math & Science**” is a unique opportunity for Orange County’s high school students to share their ideas on how to improve math and science education and to learn about how math and science proficiency is increasingly a critical skill for many current and future jobs in Orange County. This interactive, half-day summit will empower students to explore careers in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields and provide these students with valuable information about the workforce development trends in the county and what they need to do to be well prepared for the jobs of the future. Additionally, through working group discussions, we will capture the students’ ideas on how to improve K-12 math and science education and thus, Orange County’s economic future.

**WHEN** Saturday, October 29th, 2016 from 8:00am to 2:00 pm

**WHERE** One Tiger Woods Way, Anaheim, CA 92801

**WHO** 200 of Orange County’s best and brightest high school students who are interested in science, technology, engineering and math, and serve as representatives from their high schools.

**Panel discussions with representatives from a diversified set of OC companies and engineers** on the role of math and science in their industry, and their expectations for employees in the future. Breakout sessions and tabletop exhibits to introduce students to local STEM career opportunities and college programs.

**WHY** Statewide, California reports that in 2020, the number of jobs requiring a college degree will outstrip the number of jobs which do not, with most of those jobs being STEM-related. Additionally, 45% of today’s current science and engineering workforce will retire within the next few years. It is also becoming increasingly apparent that science and math proficiency are the new “must-haves” for jobs outside of the usual STEM fields including positions in the hospitality, construction and services sectors. To be prepared to become part of the new OC workforce, today’s students must receive a world-class science and math education, and understand what is needed both in terms of skill development and educational attainment to compete for these new OC jobs.

**HOW** Participation by the invited high school students is 100% underwritten through corporate sponsorship funds provided by our Summit sponsors and includes a specially prepared packet of information and resources for the students, continental breakfast and lunch. For information about the Summit, sponsorship opportunities or to discuss ways for your company or organization to be involved, please contact us at 949-609-4660.



Project Tomorrow is a national 501.c.3 education nonprofit group headquartered in Irvine, California. Our mission is to ensure that today’s students are well prepared for the jobs and careers of the future.