

Destination Imagination and Lumen Technologies expand imagineXperience

CHERRY HILL, N.J., Jan. 26, 2022 / [PRNewswire](#)/ -- In February 2021, [Destination Imagination](#), with the support of [Lumen Technologies](#) launched a new STEM outreach program called the [imagineXperience](#) to help students living in underserved communities build the critical skill set they will need to thrive in the digital economy.

- The project-based challenge program introduced teams of youth to different STEM concepts and other essential skills like creative thinking.
- Participation in the pilot program spanned three continents, with 671 participants across 111 student teams located in the U.S., Canada, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Botswana and Zanzibar.
- The pilot program showed a positive impact on students' confidence in a variety of critical areas, including increased confidence in expressing ideas, communicating and collaborating in groups, computer science skills, and knowledge of artificial intelligence and robotics.
- More than 100 Lumen employees served as volunteers to provide feedback and help evaluate student projects.

"The imagineXperience has been a unique and one-of-a-kind way to fuel interest and confidence in STEM and computer science for students living in underserved communities," said Michele Tuck-Ponder, Executive Director of Destination Imagination. "Empowering these students through a learner-led experience does more than just teach them critical skills they'll need for future success - over time, it has the power to uplift entire communities."

"Lumen is committed to furthering human progress through technology. We love that the imagineXperience allows us to engage our employees to help students around the world learn about technology," said Cynthia Stutsman, Social Responsibility Director, Lumen. "Programs like this that give students and leaders a way to connect and engage safely, regardless of their physical locations, are more important than ever. We're excited to be able to offer this amazing opportunity in even more communities this year."

In 2022, Destination Imagination, Inc., with Lumen's continued support, is expanding the imagineXperience to additional communities, including Seattle, WA, Atlanta, GA, Chicago, IL, Orlando, FL, the Twin Cities, MN, and Amsterdam, Netherlands.

To learn more about the imagineXperience program, visit: <https://imagineexp.com/>.

About Destination Imagination

Destination Imagination, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) volunteer-led non-profit organization whose purpose is

to inspire and equip students to become the next generation of innovators and leaders. The organization is a leader in project-based learning experiences, where students work together in teams to solve open-ended STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) and service learning Challenges and then present their solutions at tournaments. Since its foundation in 1999, Destination Imagination has impacted more than one million students. To learn more, please visit <http://destinationimagination.org>.

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