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## **The STEM Alliance Celebrates a Decade of Innovation**

**Irvington, NY** – The STEM Alliance, a Westchester County nonprofit dedicated to advancing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education and digital equity, celebrated its remarkable 10-year journey at a sold out Gala event on October 3rd, 2023. Hosted at the Hudson Loft in Irvington, NY, the evening brought together guests, special honorees, community and corporate partners along with supporters to commemorate a decade of impact.

The 10th Anniversary Gala event was a resounding success, distinguished by a spirit of gratitude and achievement. Attendees also came together to celebrate the STEM Alliance's two honorees: Christian Templeman, VP of Morgan Stanley, and Dennis & Co. Auto Group. Each was recognized for their indelible impact on The STEM Alliance's growth as described in the honoree [tribute videos](#). Walter Gabino Rendon noted, "We are immensely proud to celebrate the exceptional contributions of Christian Templeman and Dennis & Co., who both exemplify the spirit of innovation and inclusivity that drives our organization forward."

The Gala event included a top 10 list of The STEM Alliance's impact in the past decade. Understanding that the organization started with just a single donation of \$10,000, any one of their accomplishments would have been impressive. But, the sheer breadth and depth of their work had many of their supporters repeating, "It's just impressive how far they have come in such a short time." The list of achievements includes launching the County's leading digital equity programs, earning a national award for their leadership of Co-Op Summer Enrichment program in Mamaroneck, coaching award-winning robotics teams while increasing participation of girls, coordinating 7 annual STEM Sails with scholarship seats, offering over 30,000 hours of STEM programs annually, and so much more.

Margaret Käufer, President of The STEM Alliance, was exuberant in her reflections. "Reaching our 10th anniversary milestone is a testament to the growing wave of understanding around what we call the 'STEM imperative' - the urgent call for more STEM skilled workers. The fact is that STEM skills lead to higher employability and higher wages which is a win-win for our economy and for marginalized populations - including girls and people of color."

As The STEM Alliance looks forward to the future, its commitment to inspiring, educating, and empowering the next generation of STEM leaders remains unshaken. Looking to round out their 10th Anniversary campaign to raise \$1 Million by December 31, 2023, Polly Lagana, Chief Resource Development Officer, emphasized that The STEM Alliance looks forward to building new and vibrant corporate relationships in order to reach more low income children and families. "Our programs have a proven impact and the time is now to amplify that reach with the support of even more philanthropic leaders in our County."

For more information about The STEM Alliance and its initiatives, please visit [www.theSTEMalliance.org](http://www.theSTEMalliance.org).

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### **About The STEM Alliance**

The STEM Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization creating a network of STEM learning opportunities. With STEM jobs (in science, technology, engineering and math) expanding at an accelerated pace, there is high demand for skilled graduates. The STEM Alliance is growing the next generation of STEM leaders by creating a community where all are empowered to embrace STEM as a means of solving problems and fostering innovation.

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*Photo Caption: (l-r) Senator Shelley B. Mayer, STEM Alliance Chairperson Sarah Coady, Westchester County Association President Michael Romita and STEM Alliance Chief Programs Officer Walter Gabino Rendon at The STEM Alliance's 10th Anniversary Gala.*

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*Photo Caption: The STEM Alliance staff celebrating at their 10th Anniversary Gala.*

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