

THE STEAM ENGINE

EMPOWERING UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS TO THRIVE IN STEAM



HYPOTHEkids

10th Anniversary
GALA
for HYPOTHEkids

Celebrating STEAM Excellence: A Look Back at Our Gala

We are thrilled to share highlights from our 10th Anniversary Gala, where the HYPOTHEkids community came together to celebrate our mission of empowering underrepresented students to thrive in STEAM. Since our founding, HYPOTHEkids has impacted over 40,000 young learners, preparing them for success in high-tech industries through cutting-edge training, hands-on opportunities, and invaluable mentorship. This year, we honored Dr. Anne Taylor, Senior Vice President for Faculty Affairs and Career Development at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, with the inaugural HK Catalyst Award for her outstanding contributions to the STEAM community. Dr. Taylor's inspiring speech emphasized the importance of empowering diverse youth to drive innovation for a better future.

We also recognized Scott Metzner of The Janus Property Company at the gala for his generous contributions to HYPOTHEkids, including donating space for several years in the Factory District. This space has served as our base of operations, enabling us to ship thousands of hands-on STEAM education kits to low-resource schools, afterschool programs, and libraries. Through his support, our programs have flourished in the heart of the Factory District, a master-planned urban campus in West Harlem spearheaded by Janus. This neighborhood has become a hub for innovation and community impact, featuring projects like the award-winning Taystee Lab Building, the transformed Mink Building, and Harlem Biospace, an incubator for biotech startups.

By reimagining industrial spaces into centers for biomedical research, entrepreneurship, and creativity, The Janus Property Company has cultivated an ecosystem that benefits the Innovation Triangle, West Harlem, and the broader STEAM community. Thanks to supporters like Scott and our sponsors, we can continue building transformative programs and opening doors for the next generation of STEAM leaders.



2024 Hk Catalyst Awardee Dr. Anne Taylor of CUIMC



From left to right: Scott Metzner - The Janus Property Company; Marisa Mitchell - Hk Executive Director; Christine Kovich - Hk Co-Founder

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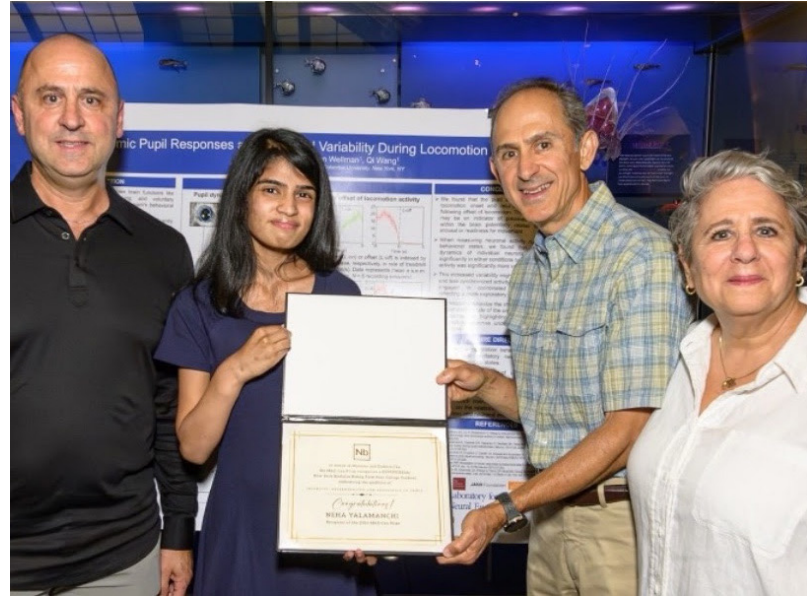
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Posters and Prizes

To cap off their summer internships, over 30 NY Bioforce students from our Columbia University-based program, as well as from the High School for Health Professions and Human Services, proudly presented research posters at the 2024 NYCSRM Consortium Student Research Symposium at the American Museum of Natural History.

Congratulations to Neha Yalamanchi, this year's recipient of the M&D Cea Prize! This prize provides a \$4k scholarship to a New York Bioforce rising college first-year student who embodies ingenuity, determination and generosity of spirit, a few of the many defining traits of Maurice and Dolores Cea. The Cea family, which has strong ties to Columbia University will donate \$20,000 to HYPOTHEkids over the next five years to fund these scholarships.

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Neha Yalamanchi with Rob, Steven, and Christine Cea



Kudos also go to this year's NY Bioforce to Be Reckoned With, Ryan Fahim. Throughout the training program and his internship at Rover Diagnostics, Ryan demonstrated the qualities of a promising young STEAM professional, including positivity, dependability, diligence, and teamwork.

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