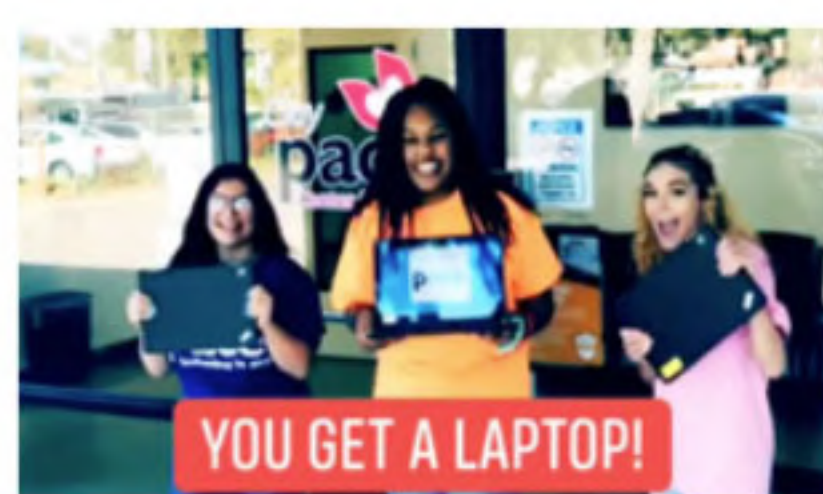
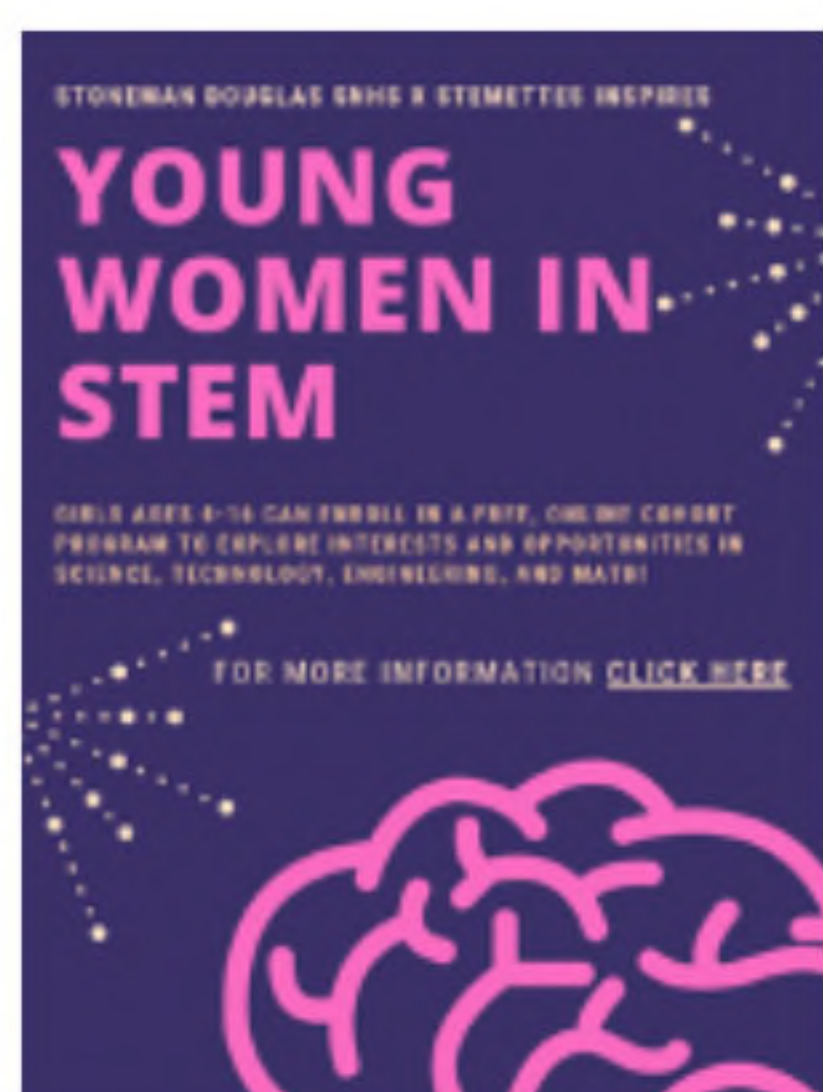


## News & Events



### Empowering Girls by Closing the Digital Divide

Through our Closing the Digital Divide project, over 50 girls at the PACE Center for Girls in Clay County received a laptop so that learning could continue at home. Nearly 500 girls in Northeast Florida have received a laptop through this project.



### Stoneman Douglas Announces Virtual Opportunity for Young Women in STEM

Broward County Public Schools are inspiring the next generation of females into STEM fields. Participants met a whole range of women in STEM and tried fun hands-on

activities in a free, online cohort program. After completing the program, students received a certificate of achievement and were connected to a larger community of women in STEM where they were able to learn about internship opportunities and more.

The program dates were set up to be very flexible. Each cohort met for 12 sessions, twice a month, on Zoom.



### Virtual Summer Camps

Young ladies around the state learned to code and built robots at the virtual summer camps! Tampa Bay STEM Network planned a fun camp about STEM education and careers.

## Social Media

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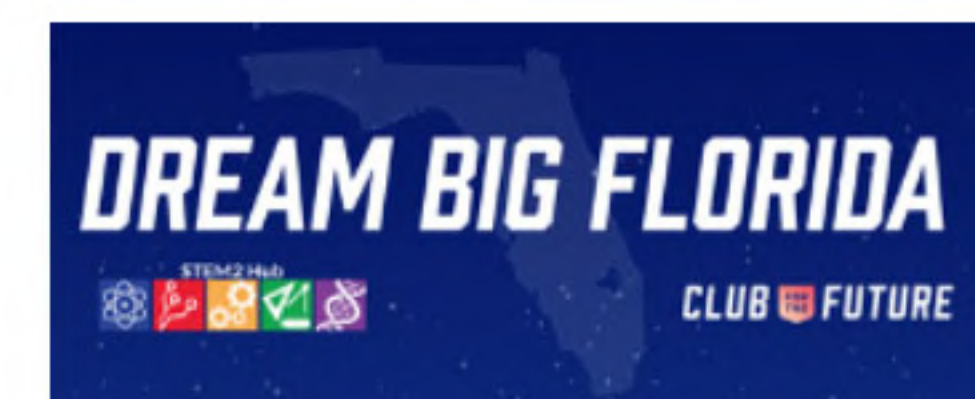
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**Cindy Caldwell**, WestEd

**Devon Fox**, PGA Tour

## Programs & Plans

### Dream Big Florida, a Statewide Space Initiative



Launched statewide, this program gave K-12 students access to space by asking them to create postcards with their dreams of the

future and vision for life in space by answering the question, "Why do you think Earth needs space?" The postcards were collected at the district level and sent back to Club for the Future in the first month of school. Blue Origin then flew the postcards to space and back on the New Shepard rocket launches and mailed them back to students with a "Flown to Space" postmark. In the spring, there were contests for the most creative and innovative ideas, situated in a Space Career Awareness Week.



### Computer Science Teacher Training

Nearly 40 new Computer Science Fundamentals teachers were trained across North Florida to bring computer science learning to elementary

students across the Florida Panhandle reaching some of the most underrepresented students living in rural parts of the state without access to mentors like those girls in more developed areas have. In partnership with Code.org, now an additional 250,000 girls will have access to learn to code during the school day!

### From Face to Face to Virtual Clubs

Our mentors leading Girls Who Code clubs in our urban and rural setting received the support that they needed to smoothly transition clubs to on-line during the pandemic! Girls continued to build and collaborate while learning to code! Baker County Girls Who Code continued the partnership and learned new ways to explore together!