Design Connect Create is a two-week, immersive, hands-on learning experience designed for female students who will be entering their first physics course in the fall. Students who participate form a deep understanding of fascinating concepts, meet female STEM role models, tour high-tech companies, and build confidence to move forward in science.

- **304 students enrolled**
- **245 attended at least 1 day**
- **230 attended at least 4 days**

**DIVERSITY OF STUDENTS SERVED**

- 34% Hispanic
- 26% Black
- 18% Asian
- 16% White
- 3% 2+ Races
- 1% American Indian
- 2% unknown

- **183 students received a new graphing calculator, a value of ~$25K!**

- **98% of participants attended on full scholarship** (a $600 Value)
AS A RESULT OF THE 2018 CAMPS, HERE’S WHAT THE PARTICIPANTS SHARED:

81%  said that they are more prepared to make college and career choices.
95%  said that they think physics might be hard, but believe they can do it.
91%  are positive that they will earn an A or B in their science course.
69%  feel confident they will enroll in a collegiate STEM program.
65%  said they are more interested in a career that involves STEM.
87%  said they are more prepared for physics.
96%  rated the camp positively.

TESTIMONIALS

“I have learned more about the world around me in two weeks of physics camp than I have in my whole life.”

“It’s a safe zone, students are encouraged to be the best they can be, and we are actually encouraged to make mistakes. That’s what I liked so much.”

“This camp has taught me a lot and I can’t wait till the school year starts so I can show off my physics skills.”

“I just wanted to say thank you for giving us this opportunity, it definitely impacted me and my choices.”

“It was an overall great experience that was made even greater by the fact that it was free, allowing an opportunity to lower-income kids to get a chance at a head start in physics.”

“The camp was fun and challenging and I know I will be prepared for physics.”

“Design Connect Create creates opportunities for someone like me that had never liked science in my life to be extremely interested in a STEM degree.”

“DCC camp was a great experience. I met many people/new friends. I had a lot of fun during the challenges and the camp showed me many career opportunities that I am now interested in. I also got a free calculator and am confident I will do great on my AP Physics test!”

“This is one of the funnest camps I have ever been to, I recommend it for anyone who wants to learn science in an easy, hands-on way!”

“Thank you so much for this opportunity! It was a fun experience to take on and explore the field of STEM. The field trips meeting with the professionals made it even better. They all had some inspirational message to share with us about their experience to what point they are in today. The camp has given me a starter point to be more prepared for studying for my physics class with Dr. Strong with some great ideas. Thank you again for working with us!”

Tori Watson, Townview
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