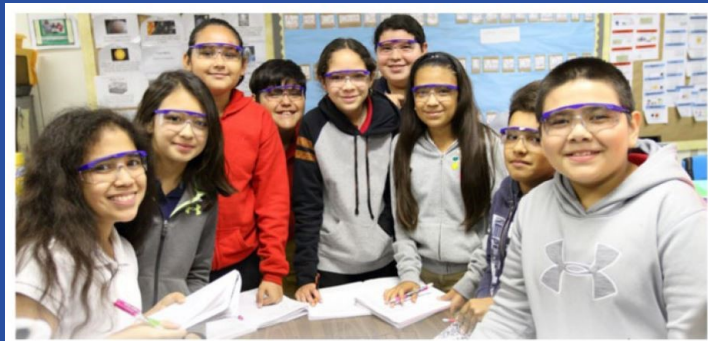


West Dallas STEM School News

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"Congratulations to all involved in the West Dallas STEM School groundbreaking event – both in the forefront and behind the scenes! While the “dirt flying” that signifies the beginning of construction was virtual, I think we all felt a very definite sense of accomplishment after three years of planning. This is a phenomenal partnership and I can’t wait to see what we can accomplish together now that the school is opening in August. Thanks to all partners and stakeholders for your ongoing commitment and support!"

-Stephanie L. Knight, Dean of Simmons School of Education and Human Development

West Dallas STEM School Groundbreaking



Dallas ISD held a virtual [Groundbreaking Ceremony](#) June 16, 2021, announcing the official opening of The West Dallas STEM School this fall for 7th and 8th-grade students. WDSS is the neighborhood school that serves the middle school population within the Pinkston feeder pattern. Classes begin on August 16, 2021. [Video en español.](#)

WDSS Receives Continued Support

Toyota USA Foundation has granted \$3 million to support the launch of the WDSS this August. This grant is in addition to the \$2 million awarded in September 2018.

Business leader and SMU alum, Carter Creech, has pledged \$1.5 million toward the middle school college and career readiness program, plus \$3.5 million to compliment Toyota USA Foundation's contribution. We can't express our gratitude enough for these valuable partners in this transformational journey. [See full story.](#)



Site Coordinator Named

Kristi Flanders has been named as WDSS site coordinator. Kristi's responsibilities will include coordinating the wraparound service provision efforts and college and career readiness programming. Prior to her arrival, Kristi served as the Social Emotional Learning project manager at Big Thought. She has been a fixture in the nonprofit sector for 18 years and is passionately committed to serving students and families. We are fortunate to have Kristi join the West Dallas STEM School project.



Conclusion of Cohort 3

The West Dallas STEM School (WDSS) Cohort 3 learning experience began in March 2021 and concluded in June, 2021. Cohort 3 was comprised of six nonprofits including Brother Bill's Helping Hand, Dallas Afterschool, Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, Momentous Institute, Readers 2 Leaders, and Wesley-Rankin Community Center.

During the four-month cohort, the nonprofit organizations worked to design and strategize how service providers will collaborate in delivering targeted programs and services to support students and their families, both within the school building and in nearby areas. For the 2021-2022 school year, these nonprofits will continue to develop needed strategies, processes, and systems and prepare for full implementation.



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