



October 18, 2021

STEAM Day Friends,

Hope you can attend the 28th Annual STEAM Day at Saint Francis University on Thursday, November 18, 2021, either on campus or virtually. If you attend on campus, the day will begin at 9:00 in the morning with a welcome session, and continue through 1:30 in the afternoon with sessions each hour beginning at 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, and 12:30. Each high school student and teacher will enjoy lunch on campus at either 10:30, 11:30, or 12:30. Each school will submit payment of \$15 per person to cover the cost of lunch and resources provided to each person.

For virtual attendance, high school teachers and students will join through Zoom meeting links for any part or all of the day. If attending virtually, there will be no charge for STEAM Day. Those attending will be welcome to join the opening session at 9:00 a.m. and up to four sessions at the same times listed above.

We ask each of you to register through the Teacher Registration link on the STEAM Day website <https://www.francis.edu/steam-day/>. We ask that all teachers attending register. You will be able to attend any sessions you wish.

We also ask that you have each student go to the same website to find the Student Registration form. All students are asked to attend at least one of the four Keynote Sessions. On campus students will choose five additional sessions that interest them, and be assigned to a total of three sessions and lunch during the four possible options.

Session demand and seating constraints will determine which sessions each student receives. Please have students read the session descriptions on the STEAM Day website so they can make informed session decisions. That list includes a complete description for each session, along with the names and titles of speakers, and the session capacity limits. We will try to assign students to their requested sessions, but will have to make alternate assignments if capacities are exceeded.

Students attending virtually should choose up to three additional sessions to attend, in addition to the keynote session(s) they choose.

You will see on the teacher registration form that you can enter a student team in either an Ethics Team Debate competition, or E-sports team gaming competition. You can also submit names of individual students who could participate if space allows in either of the competitions. If you have a team, you and/or other students can select those sessions as spectators also.

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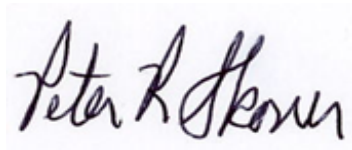
The four keynote sessions include a pre-med panel discussion, Dr. Stephen O'Brien (Retired Chief of the NIH Center for Genome Bioinformatics) returning to speak about pandemics in history, a discussion about the Olympic Games, and a Graduates of the Last Decade alumni career panel. All of the keynote presentations include the opportunity for students to ask questions, learn, and consider future careers.

You will also see many other sessions available for you and your students. Some are popular sessions from the past including Cryptography, CSI Loretto, Fireworks, Music and Wellness, and R.O.C.K. Some new sessions have been added on M.C. Escher, climate change, Zentangle, and also a series of sessions led by Honors Program students.

If you have any questions before or during STEAM Day, please contact me at (814) 472-3085, (814) 241-7383, or pskoner@francis.edu; Colleen Krug at (814) 471-1173 or ckrug@francis.edu; or Beth Warner at (814) 471-1215 or bwarner@francis.edu.

Thank you for your interest in Saint Francis University, and your support of STEAM learning and education for your students!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter R. Skoner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'P' and 'S'.

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