

SIM Outreach/STEM Initiatives

SIM is in the process of broadening its STEM Outreach efforts, which is our attempt to get more young people into the IT Pipeline. We are helping our 34 Chapters share information about outreach activities and resources so they can learn from and collaborate with one another to solve the problem of the looming IT Skills Shortage.

In April at the SIM Chapter Leadership Summit in Denver, we discussed how this skills shortage developed, what we are currently doing about it (for example, SIM Chapters collectively donated over \$160,000 in computing-related scholarship money in 2012.) We also discussed ways to ramp up to do even more.

In addition to working to replicate or adapt programs that work in one Chapter for other Chapters, we are reaching out to other professional organizations, non-profits and academic institutions to form collaborative STEM outreach efforts.

Watch for updates on these collaborations in future issues of SIM Connect, and come to SIMposium in Boston where we will have SIM Chapter Leaders, as well as authors and STEM outreach professionals, on the panel session, **“What Can *You* Do To Increase the Number of Bright, Young People Entering the IT Workforce?”**