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Honoring GYSTC Co-Founder Don Cargill

GYSTC is very proud to announce the renaming of our Georgia STEM Scholar Award, to the Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award!

Mr. Don Cargill is a co-founder of GYSTC, he served as the first State GYSTC Board Chair from 1989-1990, and has served on the State Board continuously since the beginning. He is one of the early visionaries who surveyed the landscape of possibilities and saw more. Since GYSTC's inception, Mr. Cargill envisioned a different kind of STEM student, one who would be conditioned to imagine, innovate, and create new jobs and industries in Georgia. "I never like to think of our brilliant kids as robotic machines whose future work will lack imagination and leave them vulnerable to replacement by automation," he said. "At GYSTC, we have an opportunity to train them to think creatively and independently about structuring new and better ways to do things and maybe create new industries in the process."

Earlier this year, Mr. Cargill stepped down as one of GYSTC's State Board Members, having spent over 32 years institution-building our great organization. The State Board wanted a tangible way to thank him for his dedicated service and impact. Our Georgia STEM Scholar Award has highlighted Georgia educators who embody Mr. Cargill's vision by creating an atmosphere of exploration that excites, energizes, and equips their students to pursue enhanced educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. For this reason, GYSTC believes that by renaming the Georgia STEM Scholar Award in Mr. Cargill's honor, we will continue to carry on his vision of innovation and future possibilities.



Photo Caption:

Mr. Don Cargill from GYSTC's 30th Anniversary Celebration



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About the Georgia Youth Science & Technology Center

The Georgia Youth Science & Technology Center (GYSTC) is a private, not-for-profit educational organization designed to increase interest in and enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and math subjects (STEM). Since 1989, GYSTC has focused on providing programs to improve the teaching and learning process in STEM education for K-8 teachers and students, specifically in the rural and underserved school districts of Georgia. GYSTC's professional learning opportunities for teachers and hands-on activities for students and parents are designed to change perceptions and introduce STEM related careers to students at an early age. GYSTC services are available to all K-8 teachers and students of Georgia. GYSTC is a network of ten regional centers, addition to the state office, that provides these quality programs: Family STEM Nights/Days, Discovery Camps, After School Activities, Saturday Science, In-class Field Trips and Professional Learning. This support will help us continue to build teachers' and students' interest in STEM subjects and related careers.