

AT&T and the AT&T Foundation Contribute \$25,000 to AIM to Promote Diversity and Inclusion Among Youth Through Tech Education Program

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OMAHA, Neb. (October XX, 2022) – <u>AIM Institute</u>, an innovative nonprofit committed to growing a strong and diverse tech community through education, career development and outreach, received a \$25,000 contribution from AT&T and the AT&T Foundation for its Youth in Tech program. The contribution will support the program through immersive, problem-based learning, design thinking and growth-mindset techniques to affect interest, attitudes and career aspirations in at-risk girls and youth of color.

The Youth in Tech program supports low-income students with technology necessary to participate in STEM activies. Youth in Tech also provides students with exciting technology learning experiences with partner organizations—helping them envision a future in a tech career.

"The AIM Institute has been a leader in opening doors and preparing young people for a career in tech," said Dustin Blythe, Director of External Affairs for AT&T. "AT&T is proud to support the Youth in Tech program to help enable young women and youth of color to reach their full potential and promote diversity and inclusion in technology."

Establishing access to tech education for younger and more diverse participants is a critical component in addressing the shortage of tech workers, locally and throughout the state. Community leaders involved with the Nebraska Tech Collaborative identified the need to add 10,000 tech workers in Nebraska by 2025.

"We are grateful for AT&T's support to remove barriers to technology education, increase access to technology careers and create a thriving community where everyone can pursue a rewarding tech career," said Kandace Miller, PhD, President and CEO of the AIM Institute. "The generosity of this contribution will be invested in our community and will help promote access that provides hands-on experience to area youth."

For more information about AIM's Youth in Tech program, please visit <u>https://aiminstitute.org/youth-in-tech/</u> or email <u>info@aiminstitute.org</u>.

ABOUT AIM INSTITUTE

The AIM Institute grows a strong and diverse tech community through education, career development and outreach. More information about AIM is available at <u>aiminstitute.org</u>.

About Philanthropy & Social Innovation at AT&T

We're committed to advancing education, creating opportunities, strengthening communities and improving lives. AT&T Connected Learning is a multi-year commitment to bridge the digital divide and narrow the homework gap, so today's learners are connected with skills, resources, and opportunities for success in school and in life. Since 2008, we've committed \$600 million to programs that help millions of students across all 50 states and around the world, particularly those in underserved communities.

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