

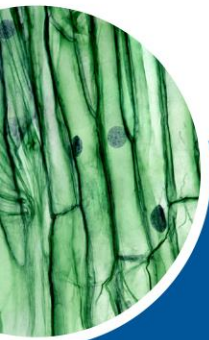


# S-STEM Scholars Community Workshop

## An Introduction to Professional Societies



**April 22, 2025**



NSF AWARD #2224093: AAAS-NSF  
S-STEM Resource & Evaluation Center

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

# Agenda

I. Housekeeping, About the S-STEM REC & Scholars Community

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II. Upcoming Events & Opportunities

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III. Professional Societies Panel Discussion

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VI. Q&A

# Housekeeping



Please keep your microphone on mute when not speaking. You are welcome to use the “raise your hand” button or type into the chat if you have a comment.



A great deal of how we communicate involves body language and nonverbal cues are helpful to let us know how you are responding to the discussion. If possible, please turn on your camera.



You are welcome to introduce yourself in the chat.



Live ASL Interpretation and closed captioning is available.



Today’s slides and recording will be posted on the event page of the S-STEM REC website.



Contact Tara King in the chat or at [tking@aaas.org](mailto:tking@aaas.org) for technology questions or issues.



Please take our short live survey to provide feedback on this virtual event!

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# AAAS S-STEM Resource & Evaluation Center (REC)

The S-STEM REC seeks to cultivate a network of S-STEM stakeholders and promote the exchange of ideas, resources, opportunities, and knowledge related to the effective strategies and practices to increase the number of talented low-income students obtaining degrees in STEM and entering the STEM workforce.

AAAS S-STEM REC works to:



**Increase the effectiveness of the S-STEM Portfolio**



**Build the capacity of S-STEM Network Programs**



**Build the capacity of S-STEM Scholars**



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# Join the S-STEM Scholars Community Today!

**As a member of the S-STEM Scholars Community, students and alumni will be able to:**

- Be part of an inclusive, safe, and welcoming community space
- Network and build community across S-STEM programs
- Engage in meaningful discussions and professional development
- Have access to employment opportunities and S-STEM resources



<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12830947/>

# Share Your Story with the S-STEM Community

## Submit an S-STEM Scholar Spotlight

- Share your journey and vision for the future
- Builds community and expand your network
- Highlight your S-STEM experiences



<https://sstemrec.aaas.org/resource/s-stem-scholar-spotlight-submission-form/>

# Upcoming Events

April 28 at 2 p.m. ET

Mentoring that Matters:  
Stories and Strategies from  
S-STEM PIs and Scholars



# Professional Societies Panel



# Meet Our Panelists



**Daniela Bernal**

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**Director of Member Services  
SACNAS**

# SACNAS is....

- Fully **inclusive**, multicultural and multidisciplinary society of scientists
- **National community** of Members and Chapters
- **Programs, services, and community** to equip and empower you for your STEM journey (education and career)
- Centered on **culture and identity** — bring your whole self to STEM!

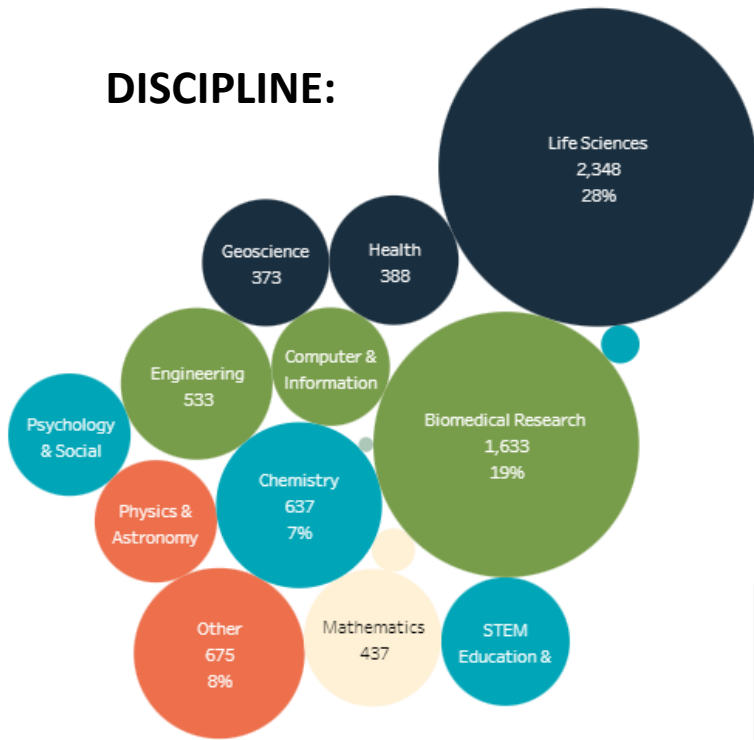
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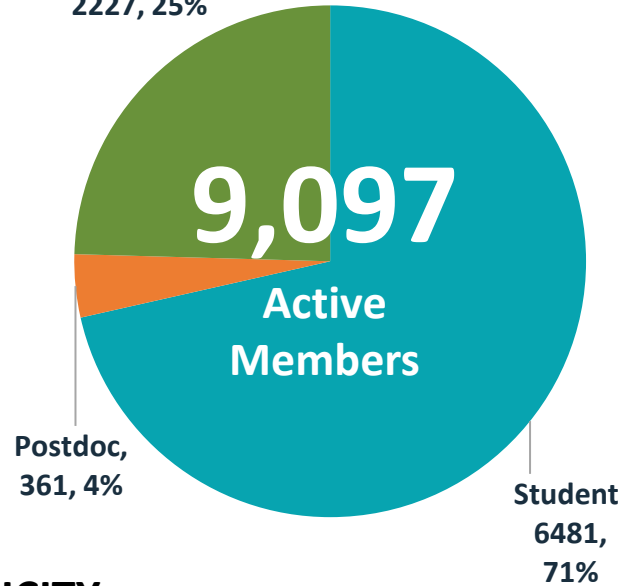
# Who we are:

Our members are **multidisciplinary** and **multicultural**

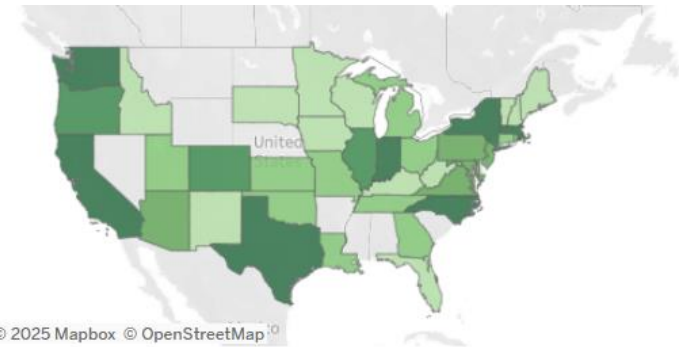
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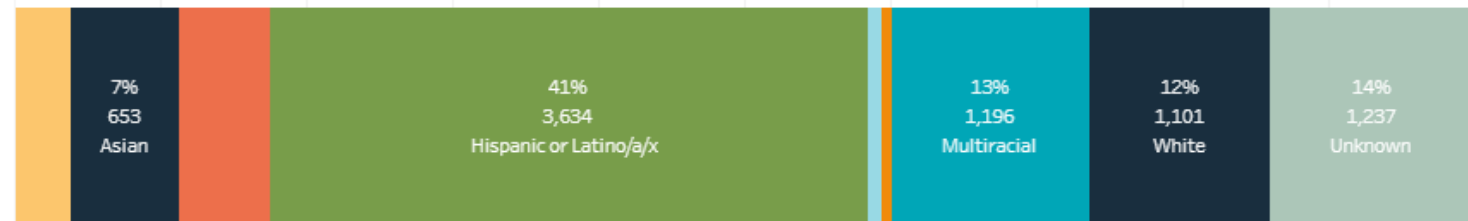
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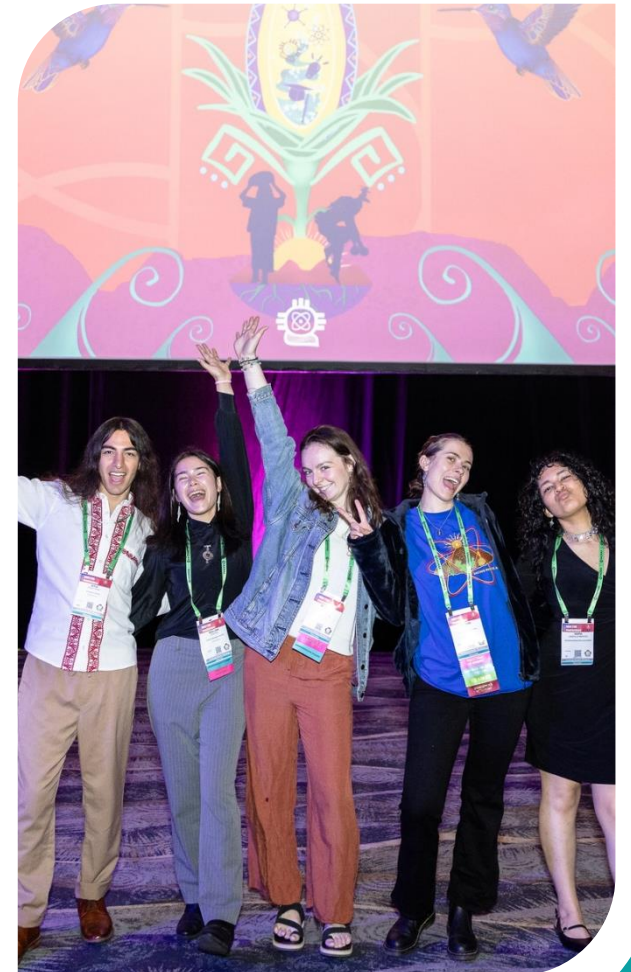
# What We Do

 **National COMMUNITY of 9,000+** multidisciplinary and multicultural college students and professionals, plus 150 chapters (student and professional)

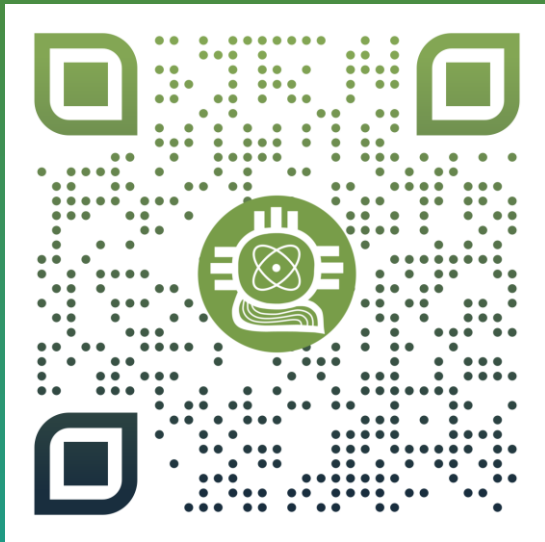
 **Culturally-centered PROGRAMS** designed to connect members with mentors and role models, develop skills, and experience opportunities to advance in their STEM journey

 **Year-round SERVICES** to support you to bring their whole selves to their education and careers, including a Career Center, Online Community, and local chapter events

 **Digital and in-person EVENTS** that bring the community together to celebrate science, culture, and community. *Join us at the NDiSTEM Conference, happening October 30 to November 1 in Columbus, Ohio!*



# Learn more & connect:



[SACNAS.org/memberships](https://www.sacnas.org/memberships)



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# Meet Our Panelists



**Mariah Beyers**

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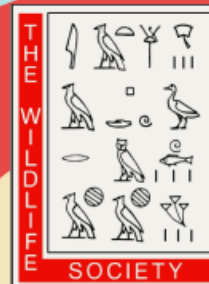
**Director of Member Engagement  
The Wildlife Society**

# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Mariah Beyers, AWB®, TWS Director of Member Engagement

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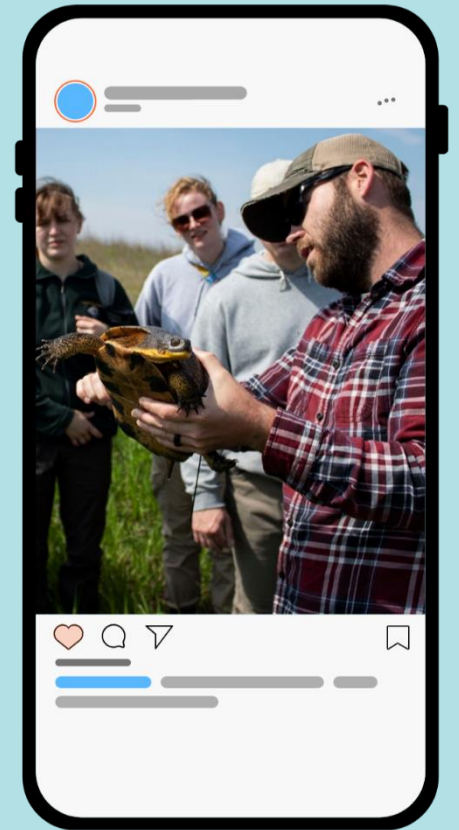
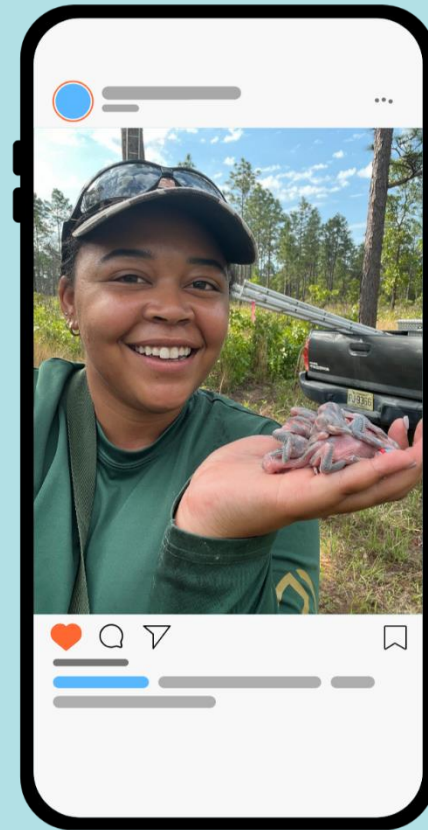
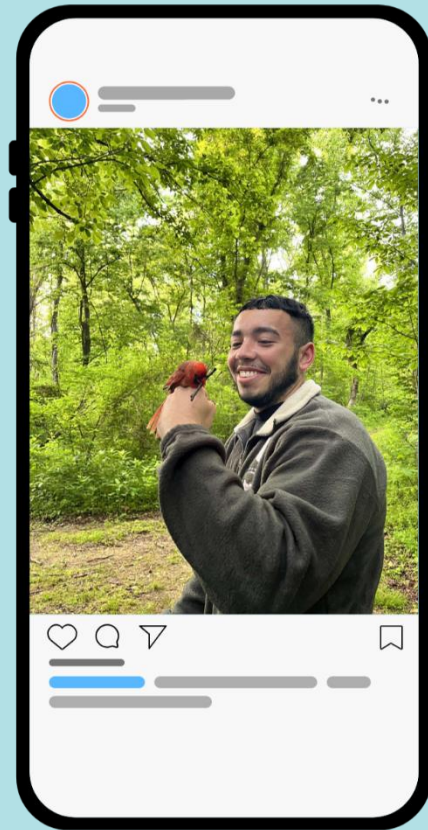
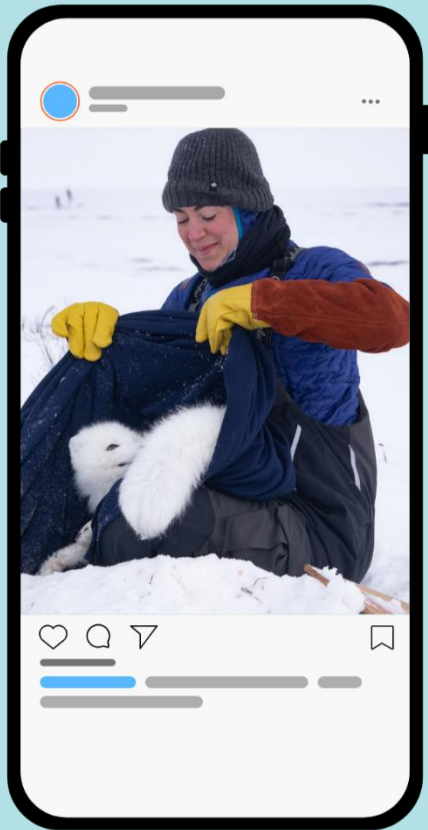


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# WHAT IS THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY?

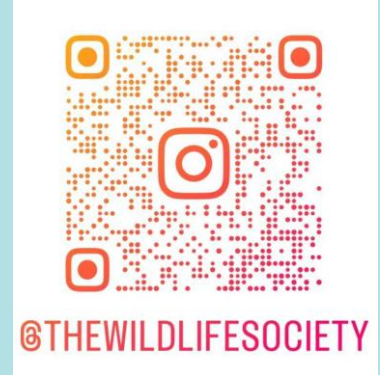
- **Vision**: A world where wildlife and people thrive in resilient ecosystems.
- **Mission**: Empower wildlife professionals to advance conservation through science, community, and professional excellence.
- **Scope**: Over 10,000 members across North America and beyond.





# TWS MEMBERS IN ACTION

IG: @TheWildlifeSociety



# Meet Our Panelists



**Emileigh Clare**

**Director of Member Engagement  
AAAS**



# S-STEM REC Scholars Community Membership Overview

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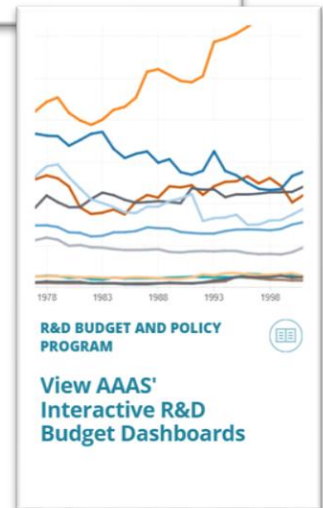
# Welcome to AAAS!

## Your Membership Matters

You're more than a member — you're part of **one of the world's largest and oldest general scientific societies**, founded in 1848.

AAAS represents **the voice of 100,000 scientists, engineers, educators, and science advocates** across the globe

Together, we are **advancing science, engineering and innovation throughout the world for the benefit of all people**



Top image: Leaders of Section X and Y at the 2025 AAAS Annual Meeting. Bottom image: AAAS CEO Sudip Parikh

# Speaking for the Scientific Enterprise



WE'RE PUTTING OUR MISSION INTO ACTION, STANDING STRONG AS A COMMUNITY OF STEM PROFESSIONALS



AAAS IS MOBILIZING ITS FULL RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE TO SPEAK UP FOR SCIENCE AND PROMOTING CALLS TO ACTION



WE'RE PRIORITIZING WORKING WITH OUR COALITION PARTNERS TO PROTECT R&D FUNDING AND THE STEM COMMUNITY



YOUR MEMBERSHIP POWERS THIS WORK, AMPLIFYING OUR COLLECTIVE VOICE WHERE IT MATTERS MOST

# Our Strategic Vision and Goals

**A boldly inclusive, mobilized, and global scientific community that ignites, enables, and celebrates scientific excellence and science-informed decisions and actions.**

## **ADVANCE SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT**

AAAS recognizes, inspires, and enables a robust research ecosystem that drives discovery and innovation and prepares future scientists and engineers

## **FOSTER INCLUSIVITY FOR SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE**

AAAS fosters the open and inclusive scientific enterprise that is essential for scientific excellence

## **BUILD TRUST AMONG SCIENTISTS AND COMMUNITIES**

AAAS builds trust among scientists and engineers and broader communities and is a valued source of accurate scientific information that is foundational to countering misinformation

## **CATALYZE PROGRESS WHERE SCIENCE MEETS POLICY**

AAAS provides actionable evidence for public policy that serves society and promotes policies that enable quality science

# Connecting and Growing with Your Membership Benefits



Stay ahead with the latest **AAAS Policy Alert** for weekly coverage of science and technology policy news and action alerts



Learn about other members, happenings in the STEMM community, and new benefits in our monthly **AAAS Member Update**



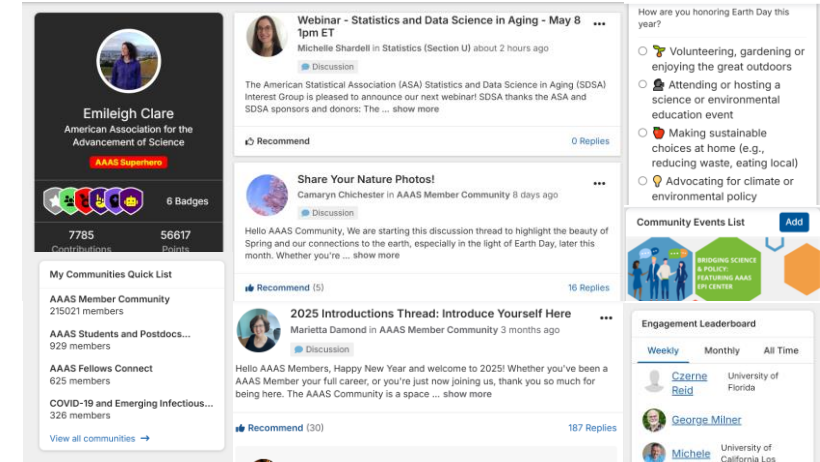
Get priority access to high-impact **events, trainings, and workshops**



Join up to **three AAAS Sections** to connect with experts and peers in your discipline and interest area(s)



**Engage**, network and mobilize with a vibrant, interdisciplinary online community of members at **AAAS.org/Community**



Thank you for being part  
of our mission and  
community!

Questions?

Get in touch: Emileigh at [eclare@aaas.org](mailto:eclare@aaas.org)

# Questions & Answers



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