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Staten Island Museum hosts Con Edison's STEM Days Out for third year running

(Staten Island, NY – March 8, 2018) This February the Staten Island Museum welcomed enthusiastic students from IS 24 to explore Staten Island Geology thanks to **Con Edison's STEM Days Out!**

For the third consecutive year, the Museum was awarded \$25,000 from Con Edison to conduct STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) lessons for middle school youth. STEM Days Out are held on the first Wednesday of the month, from October 2017 through May 2018, where students receive hands-on science lessons.

"We are very pleased to partner for a third year with Con Edison in providing much needed STEM programming to local schools," said the Museum's President & CEO Janice Monger. "By offering STEM education for middle school students, Con Edison and the Staten Island Museum hope to spark a lifelong interest in science, technology, engineering, and math, and introduce them to potential career paths."

"Con Edison's partnership with the Staten Island Museum has helped to increase STEM awareness through a unique curriculum that is fun and engaging," says Katia Gordon, director for Con Edison's Staten Island Regional & Community Affairs. "It's exciting to see middle-schoolers participate in hands-on activities while learning about geology, electric circuits, scientific inquiry, and more. They don't realize they are being educated which serves as a win-win for the children, the schools, and our community," she added.

Con Edison provides more than \$10 million in financial and in-kind contributions to students and nonprofits in New York City and Westchester that enhance STEM education. Funding includes support for scholarships to students majoring in STEM fields, as well as program support for summer internships and year-round programs benefitting underprivileged and minority students.



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About the Staten Island Museum

Founded in 1881 and celebrating its 137th year, the Staten Island Museum engages visitors with interdisciplinary exhibitions and educational programs that explore the dynamic connections between natural science, art, and history based on its diverse collections. Staten Island Museum is owned by the City of New York and benefits from public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. For current exhibits, visit StatenIslandMuseum.org.

