

SARSEF (Southern Arizona, Research, Science, and Engineering Foundation)

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\$200K challenge gift awarded to SARSEF

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(Tucson, Arizona) SARSEF is launching a two-year challenge grant campaign in partnership with the Connie Hillman Family Foundation (Hillman Foundation) designed to have an immediate and long-lasting impact on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education across the state of Arizona.

The Hillman Foundation has pledged to granting SARSEF \$1 (up to \$200,000) for every \$2 (up to \$400,000) raised. The challenge grant applies only to gifts received from new donors (individuals, foundations, and corporate) and increased gifts from existing contributors.

“SARSEF has seen a significant amount of growth over the last few years in response to students’ critical need for access to quality science education – especially for students from historically marginalized groups that have not had the same access to careers and education in science fields.” Julie Euber, SARSEF’s CEO, shared. “With the support of the Hillman Foundation, we can sustain that growth and provide authentic experiences in science and engineering for more students across the state of Arizona.”

Founded in 2011, the Hillman Foundation has awarded more than \$14 million to local nonprofit organizations. Recognizing that STEM education is vital and that future-readiness requires students who can connect learning across disciplines to understand and solve real-world problems, this challenge grant will have a lasting and transformative impression across the state of Arizona.

About SARSEF:

SARSEF was formed in 1955 in an effort to increase student interest in the field of science. The mission of SARSEF is to engage Arizona’s Pre-K-12 grade students in critical thinking and problem-solving skills as they participate in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) through inquiry-based learning and research.

SARSEF accomplishes this mission through a variety of programming including a high school mentoring program, the STAR Lab, SARSEF Fair Week, educational outreach programs with an emphasis on underrepresented populations in the sciences, teacher professional development, ACES Camp for Middle School girls, Racing the Sun, and Arizona STEM Adventure.

If you would like to know more about SARSEF and how you can become engaged in STEM, volunteer for our organization, or donate, visit us at sarsef.org.

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