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## Dialogue on Diversity Awards Certificates for Participation in STEM/STEAM Conference

Washington, D.C., September 10, 2018 — Dialogue on Diversity presented its twenty fifth annual ENTREPRENEURSHIP/IT CONFERENCE, *STEAM—POWER THE XXI CENTURY*, Friday, September 7, at the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill. This year's agenda laid a heavy emphasis on technology studies, which are best begun at the elementary school level. Computer programming languages, like other languages, are most efficiently learned before the age of approximately fourteen years. STEM (the classic quartet of Tech studies: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) must form an early (to be sure, age-adjusted) phase in a years' long education tailored to the technological needs of advanced societies worldwide.

The firm stress on Tech is the theme powering an increasing number of organizations, public and charter schools, private academies, and often adult-directed commercial schools as well, as they promote the sharp focus on STEM, and in particular the on basic skill of **“coding”**: the formulation and entry on your own keyboard of computer-understandable instructions for performing the swift and often quite complex tasks of managing words, diagrams, algebraic expressions, and the universe of languages.

We welcome **2018 Award Recipients** for this year's presentation. Watch for the 2019 version of the Awards for Dialogue on Diversity's 26<sup>th</sup> presentation of the Entrepreneurship/IT Conference. Visit us at Dialogue on Diversity: [www.dialogueondiversity.org](http://www.dialogueondiversity.org) T. 703-631-0650 e-mail: [dialog.div@prodigy.net](mailto:dialog.div@prodigy.net)

**Certificates were awarded to some thirty organization representatives.** Among these —

**John Abbey** of the Blue Streams Group

**Derry Bigby**, Center for Environment, Commerce, and Energy

**Carolina Campbell** of Comité Chiapaneco

**Erica Clarke** of Eclectic Caduceator

**Veronica DaSilvam** Ana G. Méndez University System

**Prof. Maria Sevillano** Ana G. Méndez University System

**Melbaliz Santiago** of the Ana G. Méndez University System

**Hem Dhakal** of the Barbara Chambers Children's Center

**Francisco Escobar**, ASIS, Inc.

**Saa Fillie**, Wangoh Dynamics Technologies, Inc.

**Endurra Gevan** of International Business Kids

**Gwendolyn Green**, Alphabet Challenge

**Brooke Guthrie** of BDD

**Mark Johnson** from Columbia University

**Rafael Hernandez** of Morrison and Foerster, LLP

**Narcisse Kouatchou** of Amazon

**Alicia C. (“AC”) Lane** for TechBridge Girls

**Marc Littlejohn** from the commercial giant Walmart

**Samuel Nixon, Jr.** of Humble1

**Paula Orellana**, of the National Life Group

**Theodore Panglao** from Washington's National Gallery of Art

**Carmen Pastor**, head of Fuerza contra Alzheimer's

**Silvia Rathell** (Rathell Enterprises, Inc.)

**Carmen Rojas Luke** representing the Hispanic Business Foundation of Maryland

**Masipula Sithole**, of Rhythm for Recovery

**Gary Smith** of the IVY Planning Group

**Cecilia Williams** from the Virginia Latino Advisory Board

**Maria Yang** of the Organization of Chinese American Women.

**Harris Baylin**, SMOB Candidate, Wheaton High School

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