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Ashland STEM Initiative – Responsibly Solving for a Better World



Ashland's purpose is to responsibly solve for a better world. Our employees, whether scientists, engineers, marketers, or businesspeople, share a passion for being curious, knowledgeable, collaborative, and committed to solving the world's most complex challenges. We are a company of problem solvers who understand the value of STEM and our role in nurturing and investing in future generations.

That's why we launched our Responsible Solvers™ program, which combines two critical facets of Ashland's long-term strategy – an investment in problem-solving that drives business-focused solutions and a commitment to putting the power of Ashland's capabilities to work for the communities where we live, work and play. Each Ashland site has a Regional STEM plan managed by a local team of employees who better understand the critical needs of their community and the specific ways Ashland can help.

In Delaware, Ashland sponsors Jaqueline Means and the Wilmington Urban STEM initiative. Jackie, also known as the "STEM Queen," founded the Wilmington Urban STEM initiative to motivate girls to believe that they can be successful scientists, astronauts, engineers, or mathematicians and that there are no boundaries to what they can achieve. Jackie and Ashland partner to provide hands-on STEM experiences to girls and minorities from underrepresented communities in Delaware. From community center events, tours, a Franklin Institute field trip, and a day of hands-on experiments and learning at Ashland's Wilmington Research Center, the company continues to welcome students. This partnership has helped demystify STEM as a discipline and a career.

Additionally, Ashland is the proud sponsor of Delaware STEM Educator Awards, a Delaware STEM Council program to recognize a teacher or team of teachers at the elementary, middle, and high school levels of both traditional schools and community programming who demonstrate STEM innovation and excellence through teaching, academic collaboration, and student engagement. Through Ashland's contributions and involvement, teachers can showcase their contributions and be rewarded for their ability to bring the STEM disciplines to life for students.

Learn more about Ashland's commitment to STEM [here](#).