Employment in science, technology, engineering and math occupations has grown 79% since 1990, from 9.7 million to 17.3 million today, outpacing overall U.S. job growth. In 2018, 71% of all jobs required STEM skills, according to the Pew Research Center.

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Through rigorous, multi-disciplinary events touching every letter in STEM, Science Olympiad lights pathways to apprenticeships, college and careers while at the same time developing essential employability skills. According to a LinkedIn survey of hiring managers, the three top soft skills in new employees are communication, organization and teamwork.

STEM extracurricular programs like Science Olympiad provide young adults with a glimpse into the future by providing opportunities for mentoring, achieving results: More than 3 in 4 female students interested in STEM careers who have a mentor feel they will be successful pursuing a STEM career.