







# Curriculum and Community Enterprise for Restoration Science in New York Harbor

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I. Executive Summary
Research team activities, achievements, and highlights in year 3:

Research activity	Summary
Project management	<ul> <li>The research team attended biweekly meetings with the Principal Investigator (PI), evaluation team, BOP staff, and other key project staff to discuss progress toward activities, programming, instrument development and modification, data collection, and data analysis and dissemination.</li> </ul>
Data collection	<ul> <li>The research team worked with BOP staff and partners to collect data from students engaged in BOP activities and activities with partners.</li> <li>The research team worked with BOP staff and partners to refine the online student survey.</li> <li>BOP staff introduced the research to parents and students and provided survey links at various events, such as, near-peer mentoring, career panels, STEM Hub workshops, and BOP newsletters.</li> <li>A total of 461 students accessed a student survey link.</li> <li>The research team matched 209 survey responses with parental consent and student assent to use for data analysis.</li> <li>The rate of students accessing the survey and completing all necessary steps (i.e., parent consent, student assent, and completing survey questions) rose significantly from 22%to 41% upon the implementation of the refined instruments.</li> </ul>
Data cleaning	R statistical programming software was used to clean student survey data and develop a codebook and research dataset.
Data analysis	<ul> <li>The research team conducted preliminary analyses for two of the research questions using data gathered from the student survey responses.</li> <li>Preliminary analyses were conducted by comparing CCERS respondents (treatment) and non-CCERS (comparison) respondents' confidence in their technological abilities.</li> <li>In addition, exploratory analyses were conducted to analyze the impact of CCERS participation by participant grade and gender.</li> </ul>
Findings related to CCERS students' confidence in their technological abilities	<ul> <li>CCERS respondents, on average, reported higher levels of confidence in their technological abilities compared to respondents in the comparison group.</li> <li>Additionally, URG respondents, on average, reported higher confidence in their technological abilities compared to respondents in the comparison group.</li> </ul>
Findings related to exploratory analysis of students' confidence in	• Disaggregation of results by grade suggests that, on average, CCERS respondents in 10 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grade reported higher confidence in

## their technological abilities

- CCERS participation by grade to determine the best point of intervention.
- Disaggregation of results by gender revealed that female CCERS respondents, on average, have higher confidence in their technological abilities than non-CCERS female respondents.

## Research challenges encountered

Challenges occurred in collecting participant data due to the difficulty associated with obtaining parental consent, which led to an initial smaller sample size than anticipated. As a result, researchers met weekly with the PI, BOP staff, and other key partners to identify avenues that would increase parental and student engagement. In addition, researchers refined and shortened the data collection instrument. The objective of the instrument refinement was to increase the response rate by reducing participant burden and length of time required to complete all necessary survey steps. As a result of this collaborative effort, the response rate has significantly increased (22% to 41%) suggesting that these efforts have successfully increased the response rate. As the project continues, the researchers will continue to work with the PI, BOP staff, and other key partners to identify avenues of outreach and other methods to increase response rates.

## I. Research Objectives

## Project overview

The leadership council of the Billion Oyster Project Curriculum and Community Enterprise for Restoration Science (BOP-CCERS) in New York Harbor project aims to advance science-based STEM+C education and teacher training model with the addition of curriculum for teachers and students in computer science topics and STEM+C career exploration. The primary objective of this STEM+C proposal is to sustain and augment the success of the project to date, respond to research and evaluation findings of that work and expand the primary programmatic offerings to increase student understanding and interest in restoration-based STEM+C careers, further develop the BOP-CCERS Digital Platform, and provide support to teachers and students in learning statistical and computational concepts. In addition, the development of community-based restoration science hubs strengthens the model's ability to engage teachers and students in STEM teaching and learning by applying science theory to restoration practice. The current STEM+ Computing K-12 Education (STEM+C) project is in its third year and its second round of funding from NSF (Award # = 1839656; project awarded February 2018 to February 2022).

The curriculum model is organized around habitat restoration in New York harbor and engages students and teachers in a sequence of activities that span the middle and high school grades of the nation's largest urban school system. BOP has continued to run limited, socially distanced in-person activities during the COVID-19 pandemic and adapted activities for digital delivery.

The project has a broad partnership of institutions and community resources, including Pace University, the New York City Department of Education, the Columbia University Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, the New York Academy of Sciences, the New York Harbor Foundation, the New York Aquarium, and others. This project builds on and extends the BOP library of learning materials of the New York Harbor School. Below is a map that demonstrates the reach of the CCERS STEM+C project.

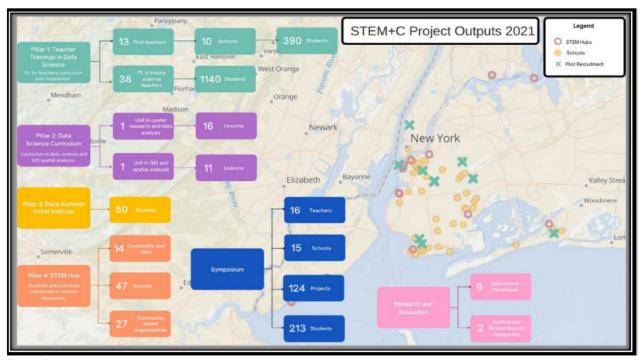


Figure 1. CCERS STEM+C project output

## **Research Questions**

As part of this project, the research team works with the curriculum developers, BOP staff, digital platform administrators, and teachers to identify effective program implementation and assess the impact of participation on respondents. For this report, the research team is exploring the following two research questions:

- **Research question 1**: Does participation in CCERS activities increase students' confidence in their technological abilities compared to non-CCERS students?
- Research question 2: Does participation in CCERS activities increase URG students' confidence in their technological abilities compared to non-CCERS URG students?

The research team collaborated with the project PI and relevant stakeholders to identify the most feasible ways to embed data collection into the program activities and adapt to rapid changes in external circumstances.

## II. Instrument Development and Research Design

The research team conducted literature reviews and worked with the project team to develop and refine metrics that align with the research questions. The table below illustrates how instruments and data collection align to the research questions.

## Instrument development and refinement

Researchers worked alongside the PI and other key staff to further refine the instrument used in the project's current phase. The objective of the instrument refinement was to increase the response rate by reducing participant burden and length of time required to complete all necessary survey steps. Data collected from previous phases of the project was used to conduct item reduction analysis. The primary goal of this analysis was to obtain functional items (i.e., items that are correlated with each other, discriminate between individual cases, underscore single or multidimensional domain, and contribute significantly to the construct). This approach to instrument refinement allowed researchers to determine the effect of deleting a given item or set of items by examining the item information and standard error function for the item pool. Further, the refined instrument was evaluated by key project personnel for content relevance, representativeness, and technical quality. See Appendix A for the previous version of the instrument and Appendix B for the updated instrument.

## Research design

Research Question	Hypothesis	Data Collection Tools and Methods	Sample
Research Question 1 (RQ1): Does participation in CCERS activities increase students' confidence in their technological abilities compared to non-CCERS students?	Hypothesis 1 (H1): Science research participation and engagement with scientists via CCERS will positively influence students confidence in their technological abilities compared to non-CCERS students	Student survey which contains confidence in technological abilities subscale	Treatment group: students who participated in CCERS activities  Comparison group: Students who had no engagement in CCERS activities
Research Question 2 (RQ2): Does participation in CCERS activities increase URG students' confidence in their technological abilities compared to non-CCERS URG students?	Hypothesis 2 (H2): Science research participation and engagement with scientists via CCERS will positively influence students confidence in their technological abilities among underrepresented groups compared to non-CCERS URG students	Same as those listed in RQ1 above  Underrepresented groups were identified as those who self-identified as one of the following: a woman, person with disabilities, or as an underrepresented minority (Black, Hispanic, and American Indian or Alaska Native),	(not exposed to BOP curriculum)

Figure 2. Research design

#### Data collection

Data in this report was collected from August 2020 to July 17, 2021. Data was collected via an online survey (through the platform Alchemer, previously known as SurveyGizmo). The survey took the participants an average of 10 minutes to complete. The research team provided partners with a general survey link that anyone could access. Due to IRB restrictions, only middle school and high school students who provided parental consent were included in the sample. In addition, due to IRB and other restrictions, this report only examines the differences between respondents who participated in CCERS activities (i.e., treatment group) and respondents who did not participate in CCERS activities (i.e., comparison group).

#### Process for engaging with the online survey

Clicking on the survey link would start the respondent on a 6-step process:

- <u>Step one</u>: A landing page, which provided the introduction to the survey and included screening questions to ensure students met participation requirements (e.g., middle or high school student)
- Step two: Obtain parental consent for their child to participate in the research
- <u>Step three</u>: Obtain student assent, where the student provides their consent to participate in the research study
- Step four: An evaluation survey, that captured which activities the respondents engaged in and included questions developed by the evaluation team to collect feedback on the activities
- Step five: A research survey, which included questions specific to the research study
- <u>Step six:</u> Reward page, where the respondent received a certificate for completing the survey

A total of 461 students opened the survey through the general link and arrived at the landing page in Step 1. A total of 209 respondents completed all the necessary steps for the surveys (i.e., steps 2 & 3), including providing parental consent, an important IRB stipulation for responses to be included in the research analyses.

The refined instrument was implemented in April 2021. Researchers noted that upon the implementation of the refined instrument, 262 students accessed the survey, with 41% (108 respondents) of students completing all necessary steps (i.e., steps 2 & 3). This is a significant increase in data collection, suggesting that the survey's refinement and item reduction successfully increased the participant response rate.

## Participant demographics

This report includes responses from participants who provided both student assent and parental consent per the IRB requirements. A total of 209 students with parental consent and student assent completed the research and evaluation surveys. The respondent demographics can be seen in the table below.

Demographics	Comparison Group	CCERS (Treatment) Group	Total N=209
	N=102	N=107	14-209
Gender			
Female	30 (30%)	44 (41%)	74 (36%)
Male	44 (43%)	35 (33%)	79 (39%)
Do not wish to specify	2 (2%)	1 (1%)	3 (2%)
No response	26 (25%)	27 (25%)	53 (25%)
Ethnicity/Race			
Asian	18 (18%)	17 (16%)	35 (17%)
Black or African American	16 (16%)	9 (8%)	25 (12%)
Hispanic/Latino	19 (19%)	23 (21%)	42 (20%)
White (non-Hispanic or Latino)	16 (16%)	26 (24%)	42 (20%)
Other	7 (7%)	5 (5%)	12 (6%)
No response	26 (26%)	27 (25%)	53 (25%)
First Generation			
Yes	21 (21%)	29 (27%)	50 (24%)
No	38 (39%)	40 (37%)	78 (38%)
Unsure	16 (16%)	11 (10%)	27 (13%)
No response	27 (24%)	27 (25%)	54 (25%)
Grade			
6th grade	2 (2%)	0 (0%)	2 (1%)
7th grade	6 (6%)	1 (1%)	7 (3.5%)
8th grade	3 (3%)	2 (2%)	5 (2.4%)
9th grade	22 (22%)	41 (38%)	63 (31%)
10th grade	14 (14%)	7 (7%)	21 (10%)
11th grade	14 (14%)	16 (15%)	30 (15%)
12th grade	15 (15%)	13 (12%)	28 (14%)
No response	26 (26%)	27 (25%)	53 (25%)

Figure 3. Demographics table by participation condition and overall

In addition, researchers collected information on participants' use and access to technology. See Figure 4 for technology use and Figure 5 for access to technology. URG participants' individual item responses to access to technology and use of technology, are provided in Appendix C and D.



Figure 4. Participants' technology use at school



Figure 5. Participants' access to technology

#### Data analysis

For Research Question 1, the sample was divided into the CCERS respondents who participated in CCERS activities (treatment) and a group who did not participate in CCERS activities (comparison). There was a total of 209 student respondents across both conditions, with 107 respondents in the CCERS treatment group and 102 in the comparison group. For Research Question 2, the sample included only respondents who identified as members of an underrepresented group (URG). There was a total of 105 respondents across both conditions who identified as part of a URG, with 44 URG respondents in the CCERS treatment group and 61 URG respondents in the comparison group.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Per NSF definition, women, persons with disabilities, and three racial and ethnic groups—Black, Hispanic, and American Indian or Alaska Natives are considered as members of underrepresented groups in STEM.

For each of the research questions, indices were created by averaging items on the survey's subscales. Where appropriate, the research team calculated Cronbach's alpha to ensure internal consistency. In addition, researchers examined the data used for normality of distribution, as assessed by Shapiro-Wilk's test, extreme outliers in the data, as assessed by boxplot method, and equality of variance, as assessed by Levene's test. For data that met all the assumptions, an independent samples t-test was used to examine if there were statistically significant differences between the CCERS (treatment) and comparison groups. For continuous data that did not meet the assumptions of equality of variance, Welch's t-test was used, and for categorical data, Fisher's exact test was used. The research team presented the means and standard deviations of the indices for each of the groups identified. Please note that sample size may vary in different sections because not every respondent answered every question (or a "N/A" option was chosen).

## III. Summary of Findings

# Research Question 1: Does participation in CCERS activities increase students' confidence in their technological abilities compared to non-CCERS students?

To assess how CCERS participation impacts respondents' confidence in their technological abilities, researchers examined their responses to four questions. Though non-significant, CCERS respondents, on average, had higher levels of confidence in their technological abilities than non-CCERS respondents. Results are presented below. Individual item response frequencies by condition are provided in Appendix E.

## Confidence in technological abilities

Respondents answered four questions on a Likert scale with ratings from 1=strongly disagree to 5=strongly agree regarding their confidence in their technological abilities. Cronbach's alpha was run to examine internal validity (.80), and then items were averaged to compute an index, with higher average scores representing higher confidence in their technological abilities. On average, the CCERS group expressed a higher confidence in their technological abilities (n= 86, M=3.74, SD=0.79) then the comparison group (n=102, M=3.66, SD=.86). See Figure 6.

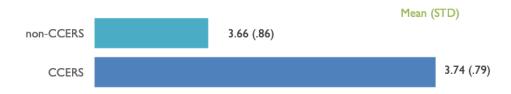


Figure 6. Average score of respondents' confidence in their technological abilities by condition

# Research Question 2: Does participation in CCERS activities increase URG students' confidence in their technological abilities compared to non-CCERS URG students?

To assess how CCERS participation impacts URG respondents' confidence in their technological abilities, researchers examined respondents' responses to four questions. URG CCERS respondents, on average, had higher levels of confidence in their technological abilities than non-CCERS URG respondents. Results are presented below. Results are presented below. URGs individual item response frequencies by condition are provided in Appendix F.

#### URG confidence in technological abilities

Respondents answered four questions on a Likert scale with ratings from 1=strongly disagree to 5=strongly agree regarding their confidence in their technological abilities. Cronbach's alpha was run to examine internal validity (.84), and then items were averaged to compute an index, with higher average scores representing higher confidence in their technological abilities. On average, the CCERS URG group expressed a higher confidence in their technological abilities (n= 86, =3.70, SD=0.76) then the URG comparison group (n=61, M=3.60, SD=.85). See Figure 7.

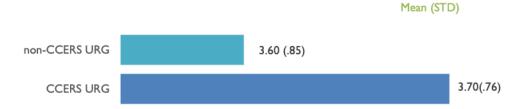


Figure 7. Average score of URG respondents' confidence in their technological abilities by condition

## **Exploratory Analysis**

To further assess the impact of CCERS participation on students' confidence in their technological abilities, researchers disaggregated by gender (i.e., male, female) and by reported grade at the program's start (i.e., 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th). Disaggregation by gender revealed that female CCERS participants reported higher confidence in their technological abilities than non-CCERS female participants. This pattern remained for male CCERS participants, they reported higher confidence in their technological abilities than non-CCERS male participants. Disaggregation by grade revealed that participants in the 10th and 12th grade, on average, had higher confidence in their technological abilities than non-CCERS participants. However, though non-significant, non-CCERS respondents in the 9th and 11th grade reported slightly higher average in their confidence in their technological abilities than CCERS participants. Results are presented below. Individual item response frequencies by grade is provided in Appendix G.

## Disaggregation by grade

CCERS respondents in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, on average, reported higher confidence in their technological abilities (n=13, M=4.06, SD=.56) than non-CCERS respondents in the same grade (n= 15, M=3.73, SD=.65). See Figure 8.

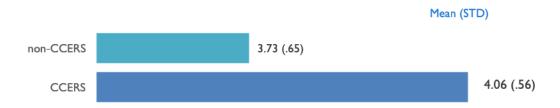


Figure 8. Average score of 12th-grade respondents' confidence in their technological abilities by condition

Though non-significant, non-CCERS respondents in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade reported slightly higher confidence in their technological abilities (n=14, M=4.20, SD=.74) than CCERS respondents in the same grade (n=16, M=3.84, SD=.65). See Figure 9.

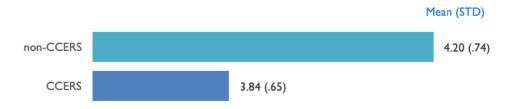


Figure 9. Average score of 11th-grade respondents' confidence in their technological abilities by condition

CCERS respondents in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, on average, reported higher confidence in their technological abilities (n=7, M=4.14, SD=.72) than non-CCERS respondents in the same grade (n=14, M=3.46, SD=.64). See Figure 10.

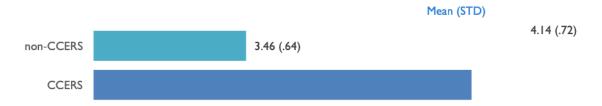


Figure 10. Average score of 10th-grade respondents' confidence in their technological abilities by condition

Though non-significant, non-CCERS respondents in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade reported slightly higher confidence in their technological abilities (M=3.64, SD=.83) than CCERS respondents in the same grade (M=3.52, SD=.86). See Figure 11.

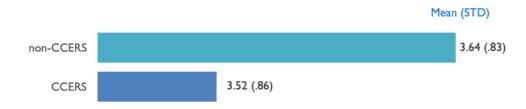


Figure 11. Average score of 9th-grade respondents' confidence in their technological abilities by condition

#### Disaggregation by gender

Female CCERS respondents, on average, reported higher confidence in their technological abilities (n=44, M=3.74, SD=.54) than non-CCERS female respondents (n=30, M=3.71, SD=.61). See Figure 12.

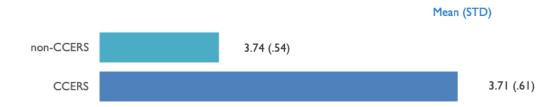


Figure 12. Average score of female respondents' confidence in their technological abilities by condition

Male CCERS respondents, on average, reported higher confidence in their technological abilities (n=44, M=3.75, SD=.84) than non-CCERS male respondents (n=35, M=3.63, SD=.76). See Figure 13.

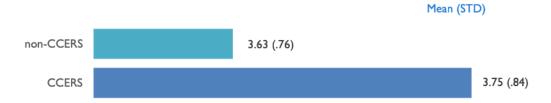


Figure 13. Average score of male respondents' confidence in their technological abilities by condition

## **Conclusion**

Preliminary findings indicate that CCERS respondents, on average, have higher confidence in their technological abilities than those from the comparison group. In addition, URG CCERS respondents, on average, have higher confidence in their technological abilities than non-CCERS URG respondents. This suggests that CCERS has a positive impact on participants' confidence in their technological abilities, a key indicator in pursuing STEM careers. Furthermore, preliminary exploratory analysis suggests that participation in CCERS activities may have varying levels of impact across different groups (e.g., different grades, gender). In order to maximize the long-term impact of CCERS, researchers will continue to collect data to further tailor and refine its implementation.

## Appendix A: Previous CCERS Research Survey

#### Welcome

Participation questions

The following questions are about activities you may have participated in during the previous 12 months. Please answer honestly, and if you're not sure whether you participated in something, feel free to select "no" or "Other". Thank you!

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1) Did	you pa	ırticipate ir	any act	ivities	related to	0 0	/sters	in	the	last	12	months	;?
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○ No

Yes - I participated in an activity related to the Billion Oyster Project

Other (Please explain below, thanks!)

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## Logic: Show/hide trigger exists.

3) Did you participate in a STEM summer program in the last 12 months?

O No

Yes- I attended STEM Camp at PACE University in 2019

Yes- I attended STEM Camp at PACE University in 2020

Other (Please explain below, thanks!)

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Logic: Hidden unless: #3 Question "Did you participate in a STEM summer program in the last 12 months?

" is one of the following answers ("Other (Please explain below, thanks!)")

## 4) "Other" - explanation:

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<b>★</b>
Logic: Show/hide trigger exists.
5) Did you participate as a <i>mentee</i> (person being mentored) in a science program in the last 12 months?*
<sup>ℂ</sup> No
Yes - I was a mentee at the NY Harbor School
Yes - I was a mentee at 75 Morton
Yes - I was a mentee at Petrides
Yes - I was a mentee in another program (please write-in below)
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O Yes - Other (Please write in below)

8) Please write the school or organization you were a mentor with.
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Logic: Show/hide trigger exists.
9) Did you participate in any other scientific research in the past 12 months?
° No
Yes - DNA barcoding in cooperation with the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
Yes - eDNA with Dr. Alter's lab at City University of New York
Yes - Water chemistry with Dr. Branco's lab the City University of New York
Yes - Advanced monitoring and IDEXX collection with The River Project
Yes - Other (Please write in what kind of research, and who you worked on it with. Thanks!)
Image by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, https://cshl.edu/seeding-citizen-science-with-dna-barcoding/
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Logic: Hidden unless: #9 Question "Did you participate in any other scientific research in the past 12 months?
" is one of the following answers ("Yes - Other (Please write in what kind of research, and who you worked on it with. Thanks!)")
10) <b>Other -</b> What kind of research did you do, and who did you do it with? (including what organization, if you can remember. Thanks!)
11) Have you participated in any other science, technology, engineering, or math-related activities in the past 12 months?  No
Yes - (Please list some of the activities you were involved in):
Image by Jeremy Von Wong, https://blog.vonwong.com/billionoysterproject/ Action: Google Spreadsheet: Participation to Respondent Tracking Spreadsheet

Page entry logic: This page will show when: (#7 Question "Did you participate <u>as a mentor</u> in a near-peer science mentoring program in the last 12 months?" is one of the following answers ("Yes - I was a mentor, from NY Harbor School", "Yes - I was a mentor from City-as-School", "Yes -

I was a mentor from Petrides") OR (post is exactly equal to "post" AND activity\_referral\_from contains the string "mentor"))

#### Questions for Mentors

12) Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. If you are on mobile, you might need to scroll to the right or hold your phone horizontally to see the "strongly agree" option.\*

to see the strongly agree option.	4				
	1 =	2	3	4	5 =
	Strongly				Strongly
	disagree				agree
	0	0	0	0	0
I feel confident I can act as a mentor to middle					
school students.					
I know I can get middle school students	0	0	0	0	0
interested in doing waterfront activities.					
I know how to motivate younger students to	0	0	0	0	0
think about following a career in one of the					
Harbor High School marine career programs.					
I found it rewarding to work with my mentee on	0	0	0	0	0
activities that help protect the harbor and					
waterfront.					
It was satisfying to collaborate with each other in	0	0	0	0	0
waterfront activities.					
I feel it is important to participate in the Harbor	0	0	0	0	0
Corps as a way to strengthen my engagement					
with the NY harbor and work toward a marine					
career.					

Page entry logic: This page will show when: (#5 Question "Did you participate as a mentee (person being mentored) in a science program in the last 12 months?" is one of the following answers ("Yes - I was a mentee at the NY Harbor School", "Yes - I was a mentee at 75 Morton", "Yes - I was a mentee at Petrides") OR (post is exactly equal to "post" AND activity\_referral\_from contains the string "mentee"))

#### **Questions for Mentees**

13) Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. If you are on mobile, you might need to scroll to the right or hold your phone horizontally to see the "strongly agree" option.\*

	1 = Strongly	2	3	4	5 = Strongly
I know more about the career programs at Harbor School after my experience with my	disagree	0	0	0	agree
mentor.					
I am interested in learning about career programs in marine science and technology.	0	0	0	0	0

I am excited about doing waterfront activities	0	0	0	0	0
with my mentor.					
I would like to be involved in a career program at	0	0	0	0	0
the Harbor High School that gives me					
opportunities to work on the waterfront.					
I am more motivated to pursue a career in marine	0	0	0	0	0
science and technology after my experience					
working with my mentor.					
I found it rewarding to work with my mentor on	0	0	0	0	0
activities that help protect the harbor and					
waterfront.					
It was satisfying to collaborate with each other in	0	0	0	0	0
waterfront activities.					
I feel it is important to participate in the Harbor	0	0	0	0	0
Corps as a way to strengthen my engagement					
with the NY harbor and work toward a marine					
career.					

## Questions for participants in scientific research

Logic: Hidden unless: (#9 Question "Did you participate in any other scientific research in the past 12 months?

"is one of the following answers ("Yes - DNA barcoding in cooperation with the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory", "Yes - eDNA with Dr. Alter's lab at City University of New York", "Yes - Water chemistry with Dr. Branco's lab the City University of New York", "Yes - Advanced monitoring and IDEXX collection with The River Project", "Yes - Other (Please write in what kind of research, and who you worked on it with. Thanks!)") OR (post is exactly equal to "post" AND activity\_referral\_from contains the string "advanced\_methods"))

14) Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. If you are on mobile, you might need to scroll to the right to see the "strongly agree" option.\*

option.					
	1 = Strongly	2	3	4	5 = Strongly
	disagree				agree
I have an understanding of what is involved in	0	0	0		0
advanced level science research.					
I feel comfortable working with advanced	0	0	0	0	0
research procedures and protocols.					
I think that working directly with scientists,	0	0	0	0	0
gives me an idea about what it's like to be a					
scientist.					
I'd like to find out about how I can become a	0	0	0	0	0
scientist.					

**Page entry logic:** This page will show when: (post is exactly equal to "post" AND activity\_referral\_from contains the string "summer")

#### **STEM Summer Institute Feedback**

**Page entry logic:** This page will show when: ((post is exactly equal to "post" AND activity\_referral\_from is exactly equal to "STEMC\_Hackathon\_2020") AND post\_research\_participation)

#### **PACE Hackathon 2020**

Logic: Hidden	unless: 1	post is	exactly	equal	l to '''	post"

#### Welcome back!

We ask that you complete the next four questions in order to give feedback on the activity you just finished. This will take less than five minutes.

All responses are compiled confidentially and reported in aggregate with all identifying information removed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the survey, please contact: Gaylen Moore
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Logic: Hidden unless: post is not exactly equal to "post"

Note: Throughout this survey, there are no right or wrong answers. There are no more-desirable or less-desirable answers. So please answer completely honestly! Thanks!

15) How confident do you feel about building an app or game?\*

	1	2	3	4	5
Not at all confid ent Ve ry confid ent					
all					
confid					
ent Ve					
ry					
confid					
ent					

16) How much do you know about tools to develop mobile apps and games?*							
	1	2	3	4	5		
Almos t nothin g A lot							
17) How o Dyster P	_	ı feel about build	ling an app or g	ame on the topic	of the Billion		
	1	2	3	4	5		
Not at all confiden t Very confiden t							
•	o conduct an inv	nowledge about restigation base	d on data from t				
Strongly Disagree   Strongly Agree	1	2	3	4	5		
Starter qu	estions						
		st is exactly equa	l to "post"				
		p us learn about h I to the activity yo		experience affects	other things tha		
Logic: Hidden unless: post is not exactly equal to "post"							
Note: Throughout this survey, there are no right or wrong answers. There are no more-desirable or less-desirable answers. So please answer completely honestly!  Thanks!  How confident do you feel about collecting and analyzing data?*							
,	1	2	3	4	5		

Not at all confide t   Very confide t	n	now about caree	ers in marine, en	gineering, and e	nvironmental
science			, ,	J J	
	1	2	3	4	5
Almos t nothin g A lot					
	v much do you k ic investigation?	now about using	computer and d	lata science to c	onduct a
	1	2	3	4	5
Almos t nothin g A lot					
22) Do y	you have the ski	lls to conduct a s	scientific researc	h investigation?*	,
	1	2	3	4	5
Alm ost no skills  A lot of					

Logic: Hidden unless: #3 Question "Did you participate in a STEM summer program in the last 12 months?

" is one of the following answers ("Yes- I attended STEM Camp at PACE University in 2019", "Yes- I attended STEM Camp at PACE University in 2020")

23) I received adequate knowledge about oyster restoration and the data science skills I needed to conduct an investigation based on data from the Billion Oyster Project.\*

	1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree   Strongly Agree					

**Page entry logic:** This page will show when: (post is exactly equal to "post" AND Student\_Assent\_UID )

#### Research participation

## Logic: Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: post is exactly equal to "post"

- 24) During the application process for the activity you just completed, you were given an opportunity to take part in research on the BOP project. Please choose the option below that best describes you:\*
- I already started participating in the research, and I would like to continue.
- I haven't participated in the research, but I am interested in learning more.
- I don't want to be involved in the research at this time.

Logic: Hidden unless: (post is exactly equal to "post" AND #24 Question "During the application process for the activity you just completed, you were given an opportunity to take part in research on the BOP project. Please choose the option below that best describes you:" is one of the following answers ("I already started participating in the research, and I would like to continue."))

25) In order to match the consent form to your responses to this survey, please provide your parent or guardian's names.

Note that we store this, and all other identifying information about you, in a separate place from your responses to the research survey questions, and with an extra layer of encryption\*

	First name	Middle Initial	Last name
Parent/Guardi an #1			
Parent/Guardi an #2			

Page entry logic: This page will show when: post is exactly equal to "post"

Action: Google Spreadsheet: Post-Survey extra data CCERS ITEST & STEM+C Research Survey Respondent Tracking

#### Thank You!

Logic: Hidden unless: #24 Question "During the application process for the activity you just completed, you were given an opportunity to take part in research on the BOP project. Please choose the option below that best describes you:" is not one of the following answers ("I haven't participated in the research, but I am interested in learning more.","I don't want to be involved in the research at this time.")

#### Student Survey - Part 2

Logic: Hidden unless: ((Eval\_UID is exactly equal to "post" OR post is exactly equal to "post") AND post\_research\_participation is not exactly equal to "I haven't participated in the research, but I am interested in learning more.")

#### Welcome back!

This is the post-test portion of our research, where we measure what changes happened in the areas of interest to us. To do that, we repeat the questions we asked in our initial survey. So, if it looks familiar to you, don't worry, it's supposed to!

We do want to remind you that taking part in this study is your choice. You can decide not to take part in it or stop being in the study at any time. If you decide not to participate there will not be any penalty to you, and you will not lose any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Your participation or non-participation in this study will in no way affect your grades, academic standing, or any other status.

This survey will take about 10-to-20 minutes to complete. Please answer each question honestly and thoroughly. All responses are compiled confidentially and reported in aggregate with all identifying information removed. As you work through the survey, responses on each page are saved when you click the "Next" button. To view the original consent form for this study, click here.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the survey, please contact:

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## **Technology**

I) Please choose the answer that best expresses your opinion.\*

	Strongly	Disagree	Slightly	Slightly	Agree	Strongly
	disagree		disagree	agree		agree
I have the technical skills	0	0	0	0	0	0
I need to use technology.						
I can solve my own	0	0	0	0	0	0
technical problems.						
I feel comfortable using	0	0	0	0	0	0
software programs.						
I can learn a new	0	0	0	0	0	0
program or application						
(app) independently.						
I use technology in a way	0	0	0	0	0	0
that enhances my						
everyday life.						
I can learn technology	0	0	0	0	0	0
easily.						
I keep up with important	0	0	0	0	0	0
new technologies.						

Logic: Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: (STEM\_Summer is exactly equal to "Yes- I attended STEM Camp at PACE University in 2019" OR STEM\_Summer is exactly equal to "Yes- I attended STEM Camp at PACE University in 2020")

2) ł	Have you used the BOP digital platform? ( <u>https://platform.bop.r</u>	<u>าyc/</u> )"*
0	Yes	
0	No	
0	I don't know	
0	Other - Write In (Required):	*

**Page entry logic:** This page will show when: (STEM\_Summer is exactly equal to "Yes- I attended STEM Camp at PACE University in 2019" OR STEM\_Summer is exactly equal to "Yes- I attended STEM Camp at PACE University in 2020")

3) Please select the answer below that tells us which devices you use in school or in your life outside of school.\*

	Less than once a month	Once a month	Once a week	Once a day	Multiple times a day
I have access to a smartphone.	0	0	0	0	0

I have access to a tablet that	0	0	0	0	0
I can use at home.					
I have access to a computer	0	0	0	0	0
that I can use at home.					

4) Please select the answer that best shows what you think about each of the items listed below.\*

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Maybe	Agree	Strongly agree
I help my parents use their	0	0	0	0	0
electronic devices at home.					
If I had to choose to do	0	0	0	0	0
homework on paper or on a tablet,					
I would prefer to do it on a tablet.					
If I had to choose to do	0	0	0	0	0
homework on paper or on a					
computer, I would prefer to do it					
on a computer.					

5) These statements are about how you use technology in school:\*

	Strongly	Disagree	Maybe	Agree	Strongly
	disagree	<u>•</u>	•••	<b>©</b>	agree 😃
	<b>②</b>				
My teachers expect me to use	0	0	0	0	0
websites to do my schoolwork.					
For part of my school day, I use a	0	0	0	0	0
computer, tablet, or I go online to					
do work in class.					
In our class, we create our own	0	0	0	0	0
excel spreadsheets or use existing					
excel spreadsheets to do projects.					
I am comfortable creating and using	0	0	0	0	0
an excel spreadsheet.					
I feel comfortable using the internet	0	0	0	0	0
for research, to find primary					
sources, or look up sources to use					
for papers or projects.					
I use software programs in school	0	0	0	0	0
that allow me to collect data.					
I use software programs in school	0	0	0	0	0
that allow me to make sense of data.					
I feel comfortable using software	0	0	0	0	0
programs.					

Logic: Hidden unless: #2 Question "Have you used the BOP digital platform? (https://platform.bop.nyc/)"" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

6) Your feedback will help us support you and improve the program. Please select the answer that best expresses your opinion. \*

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I am confident I can	0	0	0	0	0	0
navigate the STEM-						
CCE digital platform.						
I find the digital	0	0	0	0	0	0
platform easy to use.						

Logic: Hidden unless: #2 Question "Have you used the BOP digital platform? (<a href="https://platform.bop.nyc/">https://platform.bop.nyc/</a>)"" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

7) These statements are about using the BOP internet site (digital platform) to collect and analyze data from your Oyster Restoration Station (ORS).\*

Tom your cycle received and received	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Maybe	Agree	Strongly agree <b>!!</b>
I feel comfortable entering data	0	0	0	0	0
onto the BOP CCERS internet site (digital platform).					
I know how to check the BOP	0	0	0	0	0
data I enter to be sure it is correct and makes sense.					
I know how to correct mistakes	0	0	0	0	0
in the data that is entered on the BOP internet site					
I can make an Excel spreadsheet with the BOP data.	0	0	0	0	0
I know how to make a graph to show the BOP data.	0	0	0	0	0
I know how to find the BOP	0	0	0	0	0
data that I need for my research project.					
I know how to analyze the BOP data that I need for my research	0	0	0	0	0
project.					

#### **Science**

8) Please choose the answer that best shows how you feel about doing each of the things listed below.\*

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Maybe	Agree	Strongly agree 😃
I can make good observations	0	0	0	0	0
during a science activity.					
I can ask good questions about	0	0	0	0	0
what is happening during a					
science activity.					
I feel confident about my ability	0	0	0	0	0
to explain how to do scientific					
activities to others.					
I think I could be a good	0	0	0	0	0
scientist.					

9)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Maybe	Agree	Strongly agree 😃
I want to understand science (for	0	0	0	0	0
example, to know how computers					
work, how rain forms, or how					
airplanes fly).					
What I learn in science is important	0	0	0	0	0
to me because I need this for what					
I want to study later on.					
I like to see how things are made	0	0	0	0	0
(for example, ice cream, TV,					
iphone, energy etc.)					
I am interested in learning about	0	0	0	0	0
science.					

# 10) Compared to most of your other activities, how useful is your learning in science class?

	1	2	3	4	5
Least usefu l Mo					
usefu	'	'	'	'	
1 Mo					
st					
st usefu					
1					

11) Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

1=	Stron		sagree agree	, 5 =	Strongly		
1	1 2 3 4 5 N/A						

I have a sense of belonging to a community of scientists	()	()	()	()	()	()
I find it personally satisfying to work on a team that is	()	()	()	()	()	()
doing research						

#### Your career interests and activities

## Again, note that there are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly. Thank you!

12) To what extent do you intend to pursue a career in science, technology, or engineering?

J	1	2	3	4	5
Defini tely will not   D efinitel					
tely	•				
will					
not   D					
efinitel					
y will					

## 13) Please rate the following items on a scale of 1 to 5.

	1 = Not interested at all to 5 = Very interested							
	1	2	3	4	5			
How interested are you in jobs related to science?	()	()	()	()	()			
How interested are you in jobs related to	()	()	()	()	()			
technology?								
How interested are you in jobs related to	()	()	()	()	()			
engineering?								
How interested are you in jobs related to	()	()	()	()	()			
mathematics?								

## 14) Please rate the following items on a scale of 1 to 5.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Maybe	Agree	Strongly agree
I am interested in learning more	0	0	0	0	0
about possible careers in					
environmental science.					
Some day when I tell others about	0	0	0	0	0
my career, they will respect me for					
doing scientific work.					
Scientists make a meaningful	0	0	0	0	0
difference in the world.					
A career in science would enable	0	0	0	0	0
me to work with others in					
meaningful ways.					

I will have a successful	0	0	0	0	0
professional career and make					
substantial scientific contributions.					

15) Please rate your interest in the following items on a scale of 1 to 5.

These jobs listed below are ones that you can get with a community college certificate or associate

degree. \*

aog.co.	1 =	Not	inter	ested	at all	to 5 =	
	Very interested						
	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	NA*	
Wastewater Engineer	()	()	()	()	()	()	
Conduct technical studies, computer modeling, technical							
report writing, design and provide construction service							
support for wastewater projects							
Marine System Technician	()	()	()	()	()	()	
Equipment installation and repair, metal fabrication,							
carpentry, rigging, painting							
Hydrologist	()	()	()	()	()	()	
Study water movement, and mitigate issues related to water							
quality and availability							
Biological Technician	()	()	()	()	()	()	
Set up and clean laboratory equipment, collect biological							
samples in lab, execute experiments and tests, document							
test results and compose reports of findings							

## Your activities related to STEM Careers

The following questions are about things related to science, technology, engineering, or math that you may or may not have done outside of the classroom.

## Logic: Hidden unless: Eval\_UID is exactly equal to "post"

We are asking these questions again to understand what STEM-related activities you may have been involved in since you took the research pre-survey.

## Logic: Show/hide trigger exists.

16) Have you interned or worked in a science, technology, eng $\hfill \ensuremath{^{\text{C}}}$ $Yes$	jineerir	ng and	or math field?*
° No			
No change from when I took the pre-survey			
17) Please select all the activities you participated in, in the las	t 12 m	onths:	•
	Yes	No	No change from when I
			took the pre-survey

Participated in extracurricular activities involving	0	0	0
robotics or engineering			
Volunteered in a science, technology, engineering	0	0	0
and/or math field			
Volunteered in a field related to environmental cleanup	0	0	0
and restoration, including environmental activism			
Participated in any science fairs or tournaments	0	0	0

## Logic: Show/hide trigger exists.

18) Have you job-shadowed someone in a science	e, technology, engineering and/or math field <b>in th</b> e
past 4 years?*	

O Yes

 $^{\circ}$  No

No change from when I took the pre-survey

19) The following questions are about other people in your life who provide guidance on how to prepare for a job in a scientific field. \*

	Yes	No
Are there family members who provide you with guidance on preparing for a job in	0	0
science?		
Are there mentors outside of your home who provide guidance on preparing for a	0	0
job in science?		

Page entry logic: This page will show when: (((OR Question "Volunteered in a science, technology, engineering and/or math field" is one of the following answers ("Yes")) OR Question "Volunteered in a field related to environmental cleanup and restoration, including environmental activism" is one of the following answers ("Yes")) OR Question "Participated in any science fairs or tournaments" is one of the following answers ("Yes"))

#### Followup on activities you have been involved in

Thanks for letting us know about some of your science-related activities. The following questions ask about some more details on the activities you indicated you were involved in above.

We know this could be a lot of questions, especially if you're very involved in science-related activities, so we really appreciate you taking the time to give us the details.

Validation: Must be numeric Whole numbers only

Logic: Hidden unless: ((( Question "Participated in extracurricular activities involving robotics or engineering" is one of the following answers ("Yes") OR Question "Volunteered in a science, technology, engineering and/or math field" is one of the

following answers ("Yes")) OR Question "Volunteered in a field related to environmental cleanup and restoration, including environmental activism" is one of the following answers ("Yes")) OR Question "Participated in any science fairs or tournaments" is one of the following answers ("Yes"))

20) This question is about your experience participating in corresponding activities. Please answer by typing a number in the following textboxes.

Please type in a period (".") if you don't want to answer a question.

	Enter number here
Number of science fairs or tournaments participated in the	
last 12 months	
Number of awards received at science fairs or tournaments in	
the last 12 months	
Number of extracurricular activities involving computer	
coding in the last 12 months	
Number of extracurricular activities involving robotics or	
engineering in the last 12 months	
Number of extracurricular activities involving astronomy in	
the last 12 months	
Number of extracurricular activities involving using Excel or	
Google Sheets for statistics in the last 12 months	

#### **Engagement with Scientists**

The following questions have to do with how much interaction you have had with scientists.

21) How would you rate your level of engagement with scientists in general?\*

	1	2	3	4	5
Not at all					
engaged	,		,	,	•
with					
scientists					
Extrem					
ely					
ely engaged					
with					
scientists					

22) Have you participated in any of the following in the last 12 months:\*

	Yes	No	No change from when I took
			the pre-survey
Received direct guidance on projects from a	0	0	0
scientist			

Watched videos made by scientists	0	0	0
(For example, YouTubers Veritassium, Mark			
Rober, Smarter Every Day)			
Attended any talks where a scientist spoke	0	0	0
Read articles written by scientists	0	0	0
Listen to podcasts by scientists	0	0	0

## Logic: Show/hide trigger exists.

23) Do you or your family have acquaintances who are scientists?

\*Note: an acquaintance is a person you know who doesn't have to be a friend. For example, a neighbor can be an acquaintance.\*

O Yes

○ No

No change from when I took the pre-survey

Logic: Hidden unless: (((((( Question "Received direct guidance on projects from a scientist" is one of the following answers ("Yes") OR Question "

#### Watched videos made by scientists

(For example, YouTubers Veritassium, Mark Rober, Smarter Every Day)

"is one of the following answers ("Yes")) OR Question "Attended any talks where a scientist spoke" is one of the following answers ("Yes")) OR Question "Read articles written by scientists" is one of the following answers ("Yes")) OR Question "Listen to podcasts by scientists" is one of the following answers ("Yes")) OR Question "Do you have family members who are scientists?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")) OR #23 Question "Do you or your family have acquaintances who are scientists?

\*Note: an acquaintance is a person you know who doesn't have to be a friend. For example, a neighbor can be an acquaintance." is one of the following answers ("Yes"))

## Details about your engagement with scientists

Thanks again for letting us know about your interaction with scientists. Again, we'd love to get some more details from you.

You're almost done, just one more section after this!

Validation: Must be numeric Whole numbers only Positive numbers only

Logic: Hidden unless: Question "
Watched videos made by scientists (For example, YouTubers Veritassium, Mark Rober, Smarter Every Day) " is one of the following answers ("Yes")
24) How many videos made by scientists do you watch in an average month?
Validation: Must be numeric Whole numbers only Positive numbers only  Logic: Hidden unless: Question "Attended any talks where a scientist spoke" is one of the following answers ("Yes")
25) How many talks have you attended where a scientist spoke in the last 12 months?
Validation: Must be numeric Whole numbers only Positive numbers only  Logic: Hidden unless: Question "Read articles written by scientists" is one of the following answers ("Yes")
26) How many articles written by scientists do you read in an average month?
Validation: Must be numeric Whole numbers only Positive numbers only  Logic: Hidden unless: Question "Listen to podcasts by scientists" is one of the following answers ("Yes")
27) How many <b>podcasts led by scientists</b> do you listen to <b>in an average month?</b>
Demographic Questions We are asking you about these demographic questions to find out if our project activities are having a positive effect on people from groups who have been under-represented in the national science, technology, engineering, and mathematical workforce.
We would like to remind you that all of these questions are optional, you may choose to stop your participation at any time.
28) What grade are you in? (If you are in between, please select the grade you were in most recently)  6th

° 7th
° 8th
° 9th
° 10th
<sup>C</sup> 11th
<sup>O</sup> 12th
29) With which gender do you most closely identify? $$^{\circ}$_{\mathrm{Male}}$$
<sup>C</sup> Female
On not wish to specify
30) With which ethnicity do you most closely identify?  American Indian or Alaska Native
<sup>C</sup> Asian
Black or African American
C Hispanic/Latino
Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
White (non-Hispanic or Latino)
Other - Please specify:
31) Will you be the first-generation college student if you attend college in the future? The term "first generation college student" means: An individual both of whose parents or guardians did not complete a baccalaureate degree; OR in the case of an individual who regularly resided with and received support from only one parent or guardian, an individual whose only parent or guardian did not complete a baccalaureate degree.
° Yes
° No
C I'm not sure
32) Would you like to give us feedback about this survey?  Yes, I'd like to give you feedback!

No. Seriously. I'm done.

O No.

Logic: Hidden unless: (#32 Question "Would you like to give us feedback about this survey?" is one of the following answers ("Yes, I'd like to give you feedback!") OR Question "Survey feedback branch" is one of the following answers "Always show feedback questions")

33) How would you rate this survey on the following metrics?

	-2	-1	0	1	2
I hated					
taking	'	1	1	•	
this					
survey					
I					
loved					
taking					
this					
survey					
This					
survey	1	1	1	1	1
was					
worse					
than					
most					
surveys					
I've					
taken					
This					
survey					
was					
better					
than					
most					
survey'					
s I've					
taken					
Becaus					
e of	1	I .	l.	1	
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survey,					
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STEM					

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34) The text box below is for any final comments, suggestions, or complaints related to this survey that you would like to share with us.



Page entry logic: This page will show when: (((Student\_Survey\_UID AND Student\_Assent\_UID) AND Parental\_Consent\_UID) AND Eval\_UID)

#### Thank you

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#### Parental consent needed

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http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4896577/Student-Survey//?snc=[survey('session id')]

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Thank You!

Logic: Hidden unless: ParentaIt's more important that she/yourself touchbase to talk through expectations and our approach as well as timeline and when you can expect to hear back from us with a budget, etcl\_Consent\_UID

Thank You!

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# Appendix B. Updated CCERS Annual Survey

## ID:

1) Please choose the answer that best expresses your opinion.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree <u>•</u>	Maybe	Agree	Strongly agree $\textcircled{!}$
I have the technical skills I need to use technology.	()	()	()	()	()
I can learn a new program or application (app) independently.	()	()	()	()	()
I use technology in a way that enhances my everyday life.	()	()	()	()	()
I keep up with important new technologies.	()	()	()	()	()

## ID:

2) These statements are about how you use technology in school:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Maybe	Agree	Strongly agree $\textcircled{!}$
My teachers expect me to use websites to do my schoolwork.	()	()	()	()	()
For part of my school day, I use a computer, tablet, or I go online to do work in class.	()	()	()	()	()
I feel comfortable using the internet for research, to find primary sources, or look up sources to use for papers or projects.	()	()	()	()	()
I use software programs in school that allow me to collect data.	()	()	()	()	()
I feel comfortable using software programs.	()	()	()	()	()

## ID:

3) Please choose the answer that best shows how you feel about doing each of the things listed below.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree <u>•</u>	Maybe	Agree	Strongly agree 😃
I can make good observations during a science activity.	()	()	()	()	()
I can ask good questions about what is happening during a science activity.	()	()	()	()	()
I feel confident about my ability to explain how to do scientific activities to others.	()	()	()	()	()
I think I could be a good scientist.	()	()	()	()	()
I am interested in learning about science.	()	()	()	()	()

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4) Please select the answer below that tells us which devices you use in school or in your life outside of school.

	Less than once a month	Once a month	Once a week	Once a day	Multiple times a day
I have access to a smartphone.	()	()	()	()	()
I have access to a tablet that I can use at home.	()	()	()	()	()
I have access to a computer that I can use at home.	()	()	()	()	()

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5)	Have	you used	the	BOP	digital	platform?	(htt	:ps://	blat	form.bo	b.n	yc/	)"
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- () Yes
- () No
- () I don't know

) Other - Write In (Required):	
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# **BOP** Digital Platform

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6) Your feedback will help us support you and improve the program. Please select the answer that best expresses your opinion.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Maybe	Agree	Strongly Agree
I am confident I can navigate the STEM-CCE	()	()	()	()	()
digital platform.					
I find the digital platform easy to use.	()	()	()	()	()

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7) These statements are about using the BOP internet site (digital platform) to collect and analyze data from your Oyster Restoration Station (ORS).

	Strongly disagree	Disagree <u>•</u>	Maybe	Agree	Strongly agree $\textcircled{!}$
I know how to check the BOP data I enter to be	()	()	()	()	()
sure it is correct and makes sense.					

I can make an Excel spreadsheet with the BOP data.	()	()	()	()	()
I know how to make a graph to show the BOP data.	()	()	()	()	()
I know how to find the BOP data that I need for my research project.	()	()	()	()	()
I know how to analyze the BOP data that I need for my research project.	()	()	()	()	()

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8) Please choose the answer that best expresses your opinion.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Maybe	Agree	Strongly agree
Scientists make a meaningful difference in the world.	()	()	()	()	()
A career in science would enable me to work with others in meaningful ways.	()	()	()	()	()
I am interested in jobs related to science.	()	()	()	()	()
I am interested in pursuing a career in science, technology, or engineering.	()	()	()	()	()

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9	) <i>F</i>	lave :	you interned,	volunteered	or worked	in a	science	technology.	engineering	and/or	math t	field?

() Yes

() No

() No change from when I took the pre-survey

The following questions have to do with how much interaction you have had with scientists.

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10) How would you rate your level of engagement with scientists in general?

	1	2	3	4	5
Not at all engaged with scientists					
Extremely engaged with scientists					

### ID:

11) Have you participated in any of the following in the last 12 months:

	Yes	No	No change from when I took the pre- survey
Received direct guidance on projects from a scientist	()	()	()
Watched videos made by scientists	()	()	()
Attended any talks where a scientist spoke	()	()	()
Read articles written by scientists	()	()	()
Listened to podcasts by scientists	()	()	()

### **Demographics**

We are asking you about these demographic questions to find out if our project activities are having a positive effect on people from groups who have been under-represented in the national science, technology, engineering, and mathematical workforce.

We would like to remind you that all of these questions are optional, you may choose to stop your participation at any time.

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#### 12) What grade are you in?

(If you are in between, please select the grade you were in most recently)

- () 6th
- () 7th
- ()8th
- () 9th
- () 10th
- () 11th

() 12th
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13) With which gender do you most closely identify?
() Male
() Female
() Do not wish to specify
ID:
(14) With which ethnicity do you most closely identify? (14) American Indian or Alaska Native
() Asian
() Black or African American
() Hispanic/Latino
() Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
() White (non-Hispanic or Latino)
() Other - Please specify:*
ID:
15) Will you be the first-generation college student if you attend college in the future? The term "first generation college student" means: An individual both of whose parents or guardians did not complete a baccalaureate degree; OR in the case of an individual who regularly resided with and received support from only one parent or guardian, an individual whose only parent or guardian did not complete a baccalaureate degree.  () Yes
( ) No
() I'm not sure
Thank you
ID:

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Rewards

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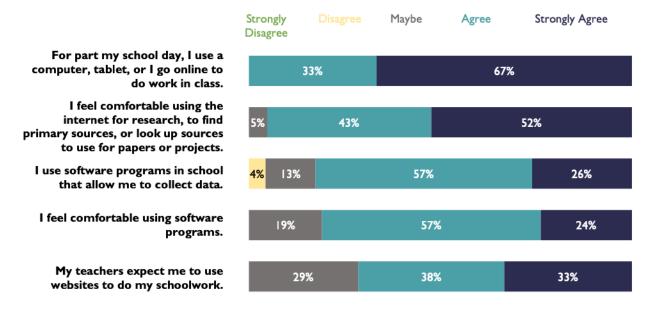
## Thank You!

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Thank You!

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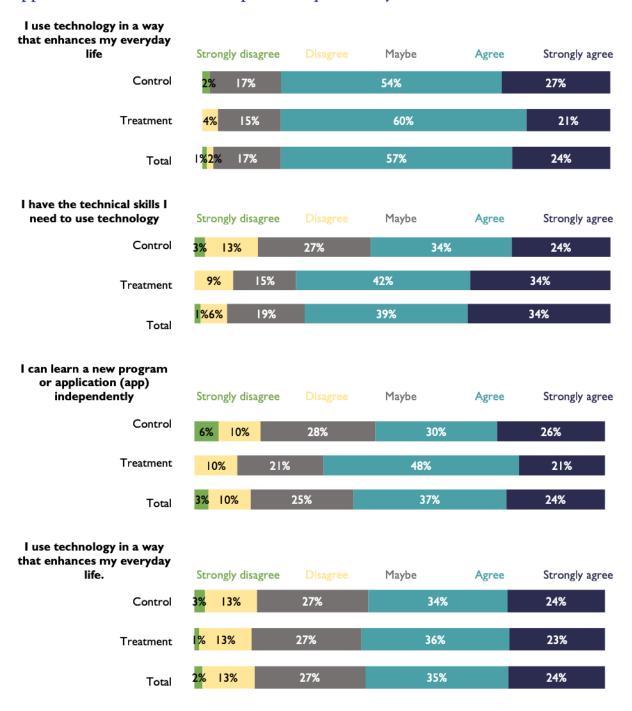
# Appendix C: Individual item response frequencies for URGs technology use



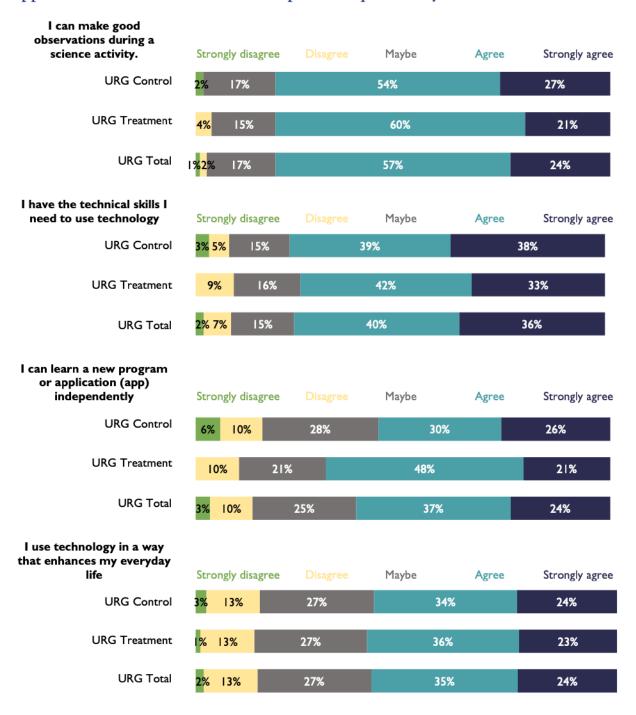
# Appendix D: Individual item response frequencies for URGs access to technology



## Appendix E: Individual item response frequencies by condition



## Appendix F: URGs individual item response frequencies by condition



## Appendix G: Individual item response frequencies by grade

