

# IA-IL NDIA STEM DONATIONS AWARDED AT QCESC ENGINEERING BANQUET

Once again, the Chapter used the Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council (QCESC) Engineering Week banquet as the venue to personally present many of our STEM directed donations to worthy groups and projects. The Chapter awarded \$1500 in grants plus the \$2000 STEM scholarship.

Below, Celia Hadden, IA-IL Chapter STEM coordinator, presents a \$200 check to the Flourish and Bots FLL Team #2838, from Pleasant Valley Community Schools, IA. George B Rivard, Chapter President, is in the background.





Above, Celia Hadden, IA-IL Chapter STEM coordinator, presents a \$300 check to the QC Elite FIRST Robotics Team #648. This team is one of the only US FIRST bi-state robotic teams that invite high school students from both the Iowa and Illinois Quad City region high schools to participate. They currently have active students from Davenport West, Pleasant Valley, North Scott (all IA), and Rock Island and Moline High Schools (both IL).



Celia Hadden takes center position once again as the Combustible Lemons, FTC Team 5466, Davenport West High School Robotics, are presented a \$300 check. Second from the right is Mr. Greg Smith, the Davenport West High School POC. Greg earlier in the month had been selected by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council to receive the southeast Iowa STEM Teacher of the Year award.



A check for \$200 was also presented to FLL team 2791, the World Changers, from Davenport, Iowa. Accepting for the team are Christina Li (Bettendorf, IA) and Sarah Eckert (Davenport, IA). The team has earned an invitation to compete at the Razorback International Championship May 18 – 21.



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Kim Findlay, Putnam Museum CEO, is presented a check for \$500 toward our chapter's STEM support to the annual Putnam hosted Engineering Kids Camp. The camp is a collaboration between the QCESC, the Putnam Museum and the Iowa State University College of Engineering who design and lead the camp. Each one day camp includes three, fun educational hand-on activities including LEGO robotics with challenges for various student experience levels as well as a big screen movie along with a camp T-shirt and lunch.

Other photos from the 55th Annual Quad City Engineering and Science Council (QCESC) Engineers Week STEM Banquet can be found at:

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