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NNCI Education and Outreach Mission

- Build a skilled workforce
- Provide resources to enhance knowledge of nanotechnology and its application to real-world issues
- Inform the public in order to support the continued and safe growth of nanotechnologies



NNCI E&O

Network of 16 sites with 16 individual E&O programs

- Monthly calls
- Share best practices
- Opportunities to promote other sites' activities
- Regional collaborations
- Central, searchable location for educational resources



NNCI E&O – Year Three

October 2017 – July 2018

VERY busy year

- More than 46,500 reached
 - I3 of I6 sites reporting
 - Does not include:
 - NNF's traveling exhibit (51,000)
 - NanoEarth's Pulse on the Planet
 - SHyNE's NUCAPT's display at O'Hare
 - CNF's Nanooze exhibit at Epcot and Nanooze print editions







Diversity

- Recruitment from URM serving institutions/conferences/programs; AISES, ABRCMS, Warrior Scholar Program
- Building relationships with organizations like 4H & Girl Scouts
- Direct efforts towards Title I schools
- Eval.WG discussion on collecting this information
- Tribal colleges call





K-I2 Students

- Participation in science festivals, science celebrations, STE(A)M days, National Nanotechnology Day, Nano Days
- After school programs
- Sci & Eng summer camp programs
- High School student interns
- Career Fairs
- Off and on site visits w/ tours









K-I2 Students

- NNF Nebraska After School Program
 - 9 sessions
 - 20-25 middle school students
 - Title I school









- All thought they learned a lot about science
- 80% "plan to be a scientist or engineer in the future"

K-I2 Teachers

Examples: (not inclusive)

- Resource creation
- Booths at conferences
- Educators in Residence
- Workshops
- RET





National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure



K-12 Teachers

- Nano@Stanford Nanoscience Summer Institute for Middle School Teachers
 - 15 teachers, 5 from Title 1 schools
 - 4 days

"we got to play AND learn"









"I am comfortable in my understanding of nanoscience"

Pre: ~20% neutral, 25% somewhat disagree, 55% strongly disagree

Post: ~5% strongly agree, 90% somewhat agree, 5% neutral

K-I2 and Public

- Science Festivals
- Science Cafes
- Exhibits
- Nano journalism
- Nano Days
- National Nanotechnology Day









Research Experience for Undergraduates

- I3 of I6 sites REU programs
- Listed on NNCI.net with link to each site's program and application
- Listed on NSF REU website







NNCI REU Convocation

- RTTN August 5-7, 2018
- 10 sites participated
 - CNF; CNS; KY-MMNIN; MANTH; MONT; NCI-SW; NNF; RTNN; SENIC; TNF
 - 45 REUs
 - 6 iREUs
 - Unable due to scheduling conflict
 - SDNI, NNI, SHyNE
- Oral presentations
- Poster Sessions







Workforce Development (post-secondary)

- Internships for students
- Course development
- Remote access
- Tours
- Workshops for educators
- REU/V opportunities







Workforce Development

• MANTH partnership with Community College of Philadelphia

- Last summer there was a focus group to determine local needs
- Nanotechnology course working through CCP approval
- Planning to be offered this spring
- Advanced Manufacturing course being developed as a result to follow-up meeting on workforce needs
- RTNN Nanotechnology Workshop for Community College Educators
 - Two days with 9 educators
 - Focus on incorporating nanotechnology and nanoscience into basic science curricula
 - overview on nanotechnology, specific characterization instruments, nano applications across a variety of fields, hands-on work in a clean room
- Penn State's Nanotechnolgy Applications and Career Knowledge (NACK)
 - NNCI sites participating in RAIN: SENIC, RTNN, NNF, NCI-SW, Nano@Stanford
 - Possible joint workshop at SACNAS 2019



Undergrads, Grads, Professionals

Technical workshops, short courses, seminars, webinars, internships,

and symposia

- All sites providing events
- Wide range of topics and technical levels
- Examples: (not inclusive)
 - KY MMNIN NANO + AM Symposium
 - NanoEarth Nanotechnology Entrepreneurship Challenge
 - MiNiC presented MN Dept. of Employment & Economic Development Start-up Week
 - SENIC Graduate Researchers In Nanotechnology Group
 - TNF Undergraduate Internship Program





Evaluation and Assessment WG

- Surveyed Ed & Outreach Coordinators on assessment needs/questions
- Workshop on evaluation during annual meeting
- Evaluation Matrix exercise
- Q&A





Online Technical Learning WG

Content hosted on MOOC; includes text, videos, presentations, quizzes, etc.

- RTNN Nanotechnology: A Maker's Course
- Nano@Stanford Nanofabrication & Nanocharacterization Course

Goals:

- Development and sharing of educational materials
- Lowers barriers for training
- Content to start with fundamental knowledge and refine to school-specific

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Thank You!

Questions?

