Seton Hill's Future Scholars Program

Seton Hill's Future Scholars Program, (FSP) is a mutually beneficial partnership between K-12 schools and Seton Hill University. FSP student leaders have an opportunity for experiential learning and to give back to their local community. With STEM college students actively teaching and influencing research and curriculum design, we are helping to build a stronger pipeline of local students, who are excited by STEM topics. Evidence-based practices have shown that peer teaching is incredibly effective! When college students teach younger students, it facilitates middle and high schoolers to envision themselves as STEM majors in college.

The FSP is in its third year and is growing rapidly. We currently work with Jeannette Public Schools, Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship, and Geibel Junior-Senior Catholic School. FSP student leaders work with their Seton Hill advisors and the K-12 teachers to create curriculum-specific lesson plans and experimental designs. FSP student leaders have demonstrated experiments in biology, chemistry, physics, and forensic science. Recently, FSP advisors Drs. Cooper-Morgan (the founder), Ward, and Joiner were awarded an ACS WCC minigrant for their "Dare to Lead" information session and certificates of completion ceremony. Seton Hill continues to sustain programs that promote STEM in our community.

Contact Dr. Amalene Cooper-Morgan (<u>acoopermorgan@setonhill.edu</u>) to learn more about this program and how you can get involved.

