

## Achievement and Expansion: A Week in Review

### Achievement:

Catalyst for Success has reached over 5,100 kids in just two months of operations! Through numerous magic shows and hands-on after school programs, the student-run Science Education Division of Catalyst has successfully exposed students across San Diego--in elementary, middle, and high school--to science on an incredible scale. The organization has performed for eight schools, including two title 1, low income schools. At every performance, one aspect of Catalyst's shows has remained constant--the show engages and genuinely excites every student in the audience.

Also this week, Catalyst for Success continued expansion of the organization's after school science program to Meadowbrook Middle School. Jason Ge, Jacob Zemper, Tina Quach, and Jordan Ramos gave a presentation on the importance of STEM to over 100 middle school students before allowing the kids to try hands-on experiments and ask questions about science competitions and STEM education opportunities in high school.

### Expansion:

To keep up with the organization's growing commitment to the community, Catalyst's leadership has been hard at work planning and executing a large-scale expansion of the non-profit. After reviewing hundreds of applications, Catalyst welcomed seventeen new members to the organization in early April. This week, new members attended orientations to learn more about how Catalyst operates. They have also already begun completing assignments and signing up to participate in upcoming events. Confident that new members will provide enough resources to accommodate an expansion of operations, Cameron Ramos and Jason Ge completed scheduling events for over 10,000 students by the end of May. Scheduling efforts are now being concentrated on year-round schools and STEM-related summer programs. In order to boost productivity and success, the organization's operations and technology departments configured online financing to allow Catalyst to receive electronic donations.

### About Catalyst for Success:

As STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education receives greater attention globally, Catalyst for Success aims to introduce the more captivating and interesting side of science to young students through chemistry "magic" shows, demonstrations of simple chemistry experiments pitched as magic. As a follow up to these assemblies, Catalyst organizes "hands on" after school science programs to give students a more personal interaction with scientific concepts and experiments. Catalyst for Success is a 501-(c)(3) non-profit organization.