



# Chief Science Officers in Texas

Elevating the voices of students in STEM



## Students leading students in STEM!

CSOs are students in grades 6-12 elected by their peers to be liaisons for STEM in their schools and communities. They learn leadership skills to implement on-campus projects and advocate for student voice in STEM.

The Arizona-based SciTech Institute initiated this international CSO program in 2015. The Alamo STEM Ecosystem (a member of the International STEM Learning Ecosystem) brought it to San Antonio in 2018. IDRA manages the Texas expansion of the program, particularly into historically under-resourced schools and to serve low-income students, students of color and girls.

## Every CSO gets to experience...

**Leadership Training Institute** teaches networking, leadership development, verbal and written communication, and team building.

**Cabinet Meetings and Community Events** guide collaboration with business and civic leaders to address community challenges, improve communication and confidence, and share common experiences.

**Mentorship** training opportunities with STEM professionals – vetted regional leaders who help CSOs implement their ideas on campus and express their voice in the community.

### Become a Mentor

Mentors serve as role models and help CSOs carry out their projects.

### Become a Sponsor

Your donations help us bring the CSO program to schools and communities around the state.

### Bring the Program to Your School

Support your students as they catalyze a culture of innovation!

## With CSOs, you can...

- Enrich school STEM culture and career awareness.
- Increase student voice in STEM conversations in the community.
- Create a pipeline of diverse STEM student leaders.
- Foster communication and collaboration among students.



## Powerful results!

- 87%** of CSOs reported progress in inspiring their peers with STEM.
- 95%** of CSOs expressed increased interest in a STEM career.
- 72%** of adults intend to share the program with their associates after meeting a CSO student.
- 90%** of CSOs expressed increased connection with the STEM community.

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