

**STEAMing Up Inner Genius**

In 2020, the youngest inaugural poet, Amanda Gorman, wowed the world with “The Hill We Climb.” Her poem was a masterpiece, but she was the most powerful message. We believe there are many more like her, some of whom have never been given the opportunity to activate their inner genius and shine so brightly. Our project, STEAMing UP Inner Genius, is our best effort to facilitate students on their path to empowerment. We believe that for students to have the best possibility for success, they need to feel a sense of belonging, be culturally affirmed and have opportunities to stretch and expand their thinking through guided hands-on STEAM lessons. Our team will guide participants through a hands-on STEAM challenge based on North Carolina teaching standards that are enriched with social justice standards, SEL and culturally relevant materials.

**Presentation Target:**

Elementary School

**Presenter(s):**

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