

Duke Energy funds STEM Programs at Boys & Girls Clubs

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The Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central North Carolina has been providing STEM programs and activities in 2017 thanks to Duke Energy's sponsorship of the program. The program has been operating in all locations located in Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Vance and Warren counties.

"We are extremely grateful to Duke Energy for this opportunity", says Floyd Johnson, CEO of the organization. "We use this as an opportunity to expose our Boys & Girls Club members to opportunities to learn about science, technology, engineering and math in fun and exciting ways. Our members have responded well and want more of these activities included in our daily program."

"The ultimate goal is to secure partnerships like the one with Duke Energy and work to increase club members' academic success", says Johnson, "We want to ensure that our members know the education is important and that it is one of the best equalizers they have to be successful."

In a recent membership satisfaction survey conducted by BGCA, 92% of the local club participants expect to obtain a 4 year college degree which is considerably higher than the BGCA national average of 69% expecting to achieve the same. 50% of local Club teens surveyed expect the same 4 year degree outcome compared to 34% of their counterparts nationally. "These results reflect a partnership between businesses such as Duke Energy, our staff, our school partners, and our youth to achieve this level of success" says Johnson. "We all know it takes a Village to raise a child, but it also helps to have strong corporate support like this, as well as individual support of proven community organizations like the Boys & Girls Clubs to produce productive, responsible, and caring citizens."



Boys & Girls Club Members in Oxford working on STEM projects. (above)



A proud Boys & Girls Club member sharing her success during STEM programming. (above)