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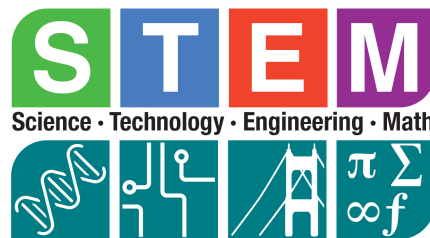
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**Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter**

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## **“Booker Nation - Bradenton/Sarasota LINKS NSBE JR. Chapter”**



Bradenton/Sarasota (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has accepted our National Organization's call to action and partnered with Booker Middle School (BMS) to create a NSBE Jr. Chapter. BMS has a 75% minority enrollment, as well as a well-established STEM curriculum with TechActive classrooms. Our goal to build the pipeline of middle-school students who will further their STEM interests in high school, college and pursue STEM related careers aligns with our National STEM Ready Program.

**STEM is a part of every aspect of our lives!**

### Call to Action

- African Americans are under-represented in STEM fields at every degree level relative to our percentage in the U.S. college-age population.
- The number of African Americans receiving engineering degrees is declining, largely due to fewer African-American women earning degrees in the field.
- There will be 1.4 million more software development jobs than applicants who can fill them; other STEM fields also have significant shortfalls in applicants prepared to fill them.
- **We MUST fill the pipeline with African American students who can help shape our future.** Exposing our youth to STEM helps them see themselves as scientists and engineers.

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