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**CAROLLO ENGINEERS BRINGS ITS "NEAR TO PEER" ENGINEERING TEAM
TO KIPP SUNNYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

Program Encourages Students to Pursue STEM Career Paths

HOUSTON, TX – Carollo Engineers brought its "Near to Peer" workshop to [Kipp Sunnyside High School](#) this week. The workshop helps educate kids about the importance of clean water to our community. Carollo had several young engineers on hand to talk about their engineering career paths, share their passion for water, and explain how they've made contributions in the early years of their careers.

Through workshops like this, the goal is to help develop a community of young people to engage in science, demonstrate the importance of water in the community, and increase participants' opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) fields of study. The workshop, attended by approximately 100 KIPP high school engineering students, also included overviews of water-related projects in Houston.

"We recognize the importance of encouraging young students to pursue STEAM-related careers," said Meera Victor, Associate Vice President, Carollo Engineers. "Supporting and nurturing their enthusiasm and interest in science is critical in getting them to think about a career in the STEAM fields. We also understand the importance of teaching students about local water systems like the City of Houston's Water Purification Plant."

In addition to the presentation, the students were faced with the challenge of a water tower completion contest. They have until April 18 to design and construct a model water tower from any materials. Bonus points will be awarded for creativity.

"The objective of the competition is to make participants aware of the importance of reliable drinking water, and the rewarding opportunities available in the water profession," said Victor.

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“Having students develop an idea into a functioning project will help them better understand what water professionals do in the real world.”

Participants will be judged and the winning team will present their water tower to the Houston City Council on April 25, as part of Houston's Water Week activities.

“We truly recognize the importance of encouraging students to pursue STEM-related careers,” said Kyle Kenan, STEAM coordinator at KIPP Sunnyside High School. “It is important that our kids see and hear from working professionals who are actually working in the field, and we are pleased to partner with Carollo’s engineers to share their knowledge and passion with the next generation of students pursuing STEAM fields.”

About Carollo Engineers

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