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OF STEM AND STARS: DANFORTH CENTER INSPIRES YOUNG SCIENTISTS

STEM or “science, technology, engineering, math” education is crucial to the future of St. Louis and the nation. The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center is doing its part to promote STEM learning and inspire careers in these fields. For high school students, one partnership is a favorite of Dr. Ken Mares, **Danforth Legacy Society** member featured in this newsletter. He also happens to be its program director.

STARS is a highly competitive program for academically gifted rising high school seniors. Participants receive the rare opportunity to work in a research lab with

with top scientists in the region. The Danforth Center is a partner and accepts around seven students each summer.

One such former student is Gowri Kalugotla (*pictured above*). Kalugotla graduated Yale in 2016 with a B.S. in Biology. She is currently working as a research technician at Washington University while she decides where to pursue her M.D./Ph.D. She wants to be an academic medical researcher and credits her experience as a STARS student

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▲ Gowri Kalugotla (*above*), research technician and former STARS student



◀ Calvin Irwin (center), former STARS student, a science education volunteer in the Peace Corps in Cameroon

SPRINGTIME AND A PERSON'S FANCY TURNS TOWARD...

Taxes. Now that Congress has passed tax reform, it's an ideal time to revisit your planned giving strategy.

When planning for your family's future, you want to give them your best. If you want to leave a meaningful financial legacy to your family and to the non-profit organizations that you are supporting today, now is the time to meet. By including the Danforth Center in your estate plans, you will create a lasting legacy, continuing your giving for decades to come, and you may be able to avoid or reduce taxes, leaving more for your loved ones. You might consider naming the Danforth Center as a full or partial beneficiary of your IRA. Just a little planning can make a big difference.

Don't define your legacy by how much you paid in taxes, but by how well you cared for your family and continued your charitable works beyond your lifetime. Don't let another tax day go by without creating your legacy. For more information, call or email the Danforth Center's Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving Joyce Pluhar at 314.587.1071 and jpluhar@danforthcenter.org.

“Working in Dr. Kutchan’s lab at the Danforth Center taught me that any problem, no matter how complicated, could be broken down into discrete, achievable tasks.”

CALVIN IRWIN

LEGACY SOCIETY LUNCHEON

Our annual luncheon for members of the Legacy Society takes place in September. There's still time to make your gift and receive an invitation. Call to learn more about creating a legacy at the Danforth Center: 314.587.1071.



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SEEDS OF CHANGE | MAY 2

Don't miss the Danforth Center's signature annual event featuring an inspiring speaker on topics of global significance. This year, Africa Food Prize winner



Dr. Ruth Oniang'o will discuss the intersection of food security, sustainable agriculture, and women's empowerment.

