Join Diversifying STEM Think Tank Panelists...

Dr. Don Dosch
Dr. Don Dosch has been an IMSA Biology teacher for the past 25 years and currently serves as the Curriculum and Assessment Leader for the Science Team. He received his doctorate in Microbiology from the University of Chicago. He has held a National Board Certificate since 1999. Don teaches in the IMSA EXCEL Program, a bridge program for Culturally, Linguistically and Economically Diverse Students (CLED) students coming to IMSA as sophomores. In all of his teaching, Don works with students to help them grow in their critical-thinking and problem-solving abilities.

Dr. Brian Nord
Nord is an Associate Scientist in Fermilab’s new Machine Intelligence Group, which seeks to apply AI to modern challenges in high-energy physics. He is also a Visiting Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics and a Senior Member of the Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics (KICP) at the University of Chicago. Nord is co-leader of education and public engagement at KICP, where he organizes Space Explorers, a program to help underrepresented minorities in high school find hands-on physics experiences outside the classroom.

Dr. Kelly Page
Communications and Learning Consultant. Social Design Ethnographer. Research Scientist. Social Media Curator. Artist. Kelly works at the intersection of social learning and digital participation. She works with individuals and organizations interested in learning how they can be more effectively social. She is passionate about working with people to develop their vision, voice & social ways to live, work and learn.

Major Kenyatta Ruffin
U.S. Air Force Maj. Kenyatta Ruffin, a senior member in Civil Air Patrol’s Texas Wing and former CAP cadet, is making a positive impact in young lives through his nonprofit organization, Legacy Flight Academy* (LFA). LFA conducts character-based youth aviation programs with the stated mission “to uphold and sustain the legacy of the heroic Tuskegee Airmen while encouraging youth to pursue aerospace and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers.”

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Dr. Anita White
Anita Connors is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a product of the Pittsburgh Public School System. She obtained a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. in chemistry with a biochemistry specialty from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Upon graduation, Anita accepted a position as a research scientist with G. D. Searle pharmaceutical company which later became a part of Pfizer. Following 9 years of dedicated service, Anita left the pharmaceutical industry.