

Stars of Service

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Biology Building Community Since 2011

Since 2011, Dr. Mark Grobner has served and continues to serve as a faculty member at Stanislaus State, and he gives an immeasurable amount of service to the campus and surrounding community. One of his largest contributions is his leadership and co-founding of the Science in Our Community (SIOC) program that reaches out to k-12 grade students about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) related fields.

When outreaching to the community SIOC opens a multitude of opportunities for Stanislaus State students to engage with the surrounding areas and serve diverse groups. Each year Dr. Grobner helps facilitate approximately over 30 free activities for the community and the campus.

Included in the annual activities offered by SIOC is the Annual Science Day that occurs each spring semester. This event premiered in Spring 2011. Since then Science Day has blossomed and offers 50 activities on a single day open to all at no fee. Science Day is the 2nd largest event on Stan State's campus with 4,000 people in attendance for the Spring 2023 Science Day alone. The only larger event is the Commencement celebration of graduating students. Dr.

Grobner's service continues to positively impact our students and the surrounding communities. Over the 12 years of the Science in Our Community more than 2,200 Stan State students have volunteered, led events, and received hands-on experiences with the community.

During this time the program has reach over 24,900 community members. Additionally, over 180 Stan State faculty and staff have assisted with facilitating and creating various activities within the program. The Science in Our Community program would not be what is today without Dr. Grobner's continued generosity, service, and outreach that has sustained the program. Dr. Grobner is a brilliant star that continues to promote science and community engagement by opening the doors to underrepresented populations in the STEM community.

See current activities at <https://www.csustan.edu/science>



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See Upcoming Science In Our Community Events

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