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Verizon presents a \$10,000 sponsorship check to the Northern Virginia Urban League (NOVAUL) for the technology expo; from left are Tracey Walker, Board Chair - NOVAUL; Lavern Chatman, Director, Fund Development - NOVAUL; Douglas E. Brammer, Manager of Government Affairs - Verizon; and Jamil Smart, President/CEO - Smart Learning Solutions.

Learning ASTEAM

The Northern Virginia Urban League (NOVAUL), in partnership with Smart Learning Solutions, hosted an ASTEAM (Aviation, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) Fall Family Carnival on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. More than 400 children, families, community members, and volunteers attended.

The free community expo, with hands on learning activities for children and families. The primary purpose of the event was to reach minority, low-income, and at-risk youth in the Northern Virginia community as well as to introduce and broaden awareness of STEM

education for career exploration, critical thinking and academic achievement for students.

Organizations that provided instructors to the ASTEAM component of the expo included: 5Starr Enterprise and Productions, Cyber Green Group, Deilab, Destiny Aviation Services, Katrina Lynn Educational Services, Inc., Metro Warriors Stem Organization, NASA, Propel Productions Center, Race Tech, and The Society, Inc.

Verizon served as the event sponsor and Douglas E. Brammer, manager of Government Affairs, gave remarks and presented a \$10,000 sponsorship check.

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