



Colorado Senator Zenzinger chosen for fellowship

STEMx makes her one of six across U.S. in 2018 program

ARVADA, Colo. (Oct. 25, 2017) – Colorado Senator [Rachel Zenzinger](#) of Arvada has been chosen by the STEMx program to participate in a Policy Fellowship during a period in 2018 yet to be determined.

STEMx selects six policy makers from a pool of multiple hundreds of legislators in a 21-state region across the nation, and those six top policymakers spend the designated time studying ways in which to nurture STEM programs for all students in public schools. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

STEMx describes itself as a movement that provides an accessible platform to share, analyze and disseminate quality STEM education tools to “transform education” and make other improvements.

Zenzinger, who represents most of Arvada and part of Westminster (District 19) in Colorado, was nominated by [Colorado Succeeds](#), the partnering organization for STEMx in Colorado.

Colorado Succeeds President Scott Laband said Sen. Zenzinger has demonstrated a firm commitment to improvement in our state’s public schools.

“She has especially coordinated with our efforts to increase opportunities for all students to engage with real-world problem solving and the critical skills STEM learning can bring to classrooms,” he said.

Most notably, she carried and passed a 2017 bill with bipartisan support in which students receive a special STEM endorsement on their diploma when they graduate high school with a certain number and type of STEM-related courses on their resume. The endorsement signals to higher education and the workforce that a graduate is highly proficient in STEM areas.

“I’m thrilled to accept the STEMx Policy Fellowship, and I look forward to working with these great people and with colleagues across the country who are committed to finding ways to promote this important aspect of education,” Zenzinger said.

She has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education, and she was a teacher prior to her post in the Colorado Senate. She currently works as a teacher when the Senate is not in session. She comes from a long line of teachers within her family, and education is her passion. She serves on the Education Committee in the Senate.

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