



USSD's 2020 STEM Recipient

Each year, we ask our attendees to consider contributing to a worthy STEM program in the city where the conference is held. Through your generosity, USSD has been able to present contributions to help advance STEM education.

In Denver, the recipient will be the **STEM School Highlands Ranch**, a free public charter learning institution that exists to innovate K-12 education.

You may recognize the name for the tragic incident on May 7, 2019 when two gunmen left 8 students injured and one student dead. Kendrick Castillo was shot and died while trying to stop one of the gunmen.

The charter school has been the recipient of four John J. Irwin School of Excellence Awards, currently has over 1,700 students with student ethnic diversity of 40% and boasts an innovative STEM program.

You can donate when you register for the conference or make a separate [online donation](#). The donation check will be presented to the school during the conference.