

NEWSLETTER



7th Year Anniversary

To our partners, collaborators, and supporters —

Thank you for standing with the 7uice Foundation over these past seven years. Because you believe in our mission, we have directly impacted the lives of more than 400 young people through meaningful access to education, mentorship, and opportunity.

You have become an essential part of our family's legacy — a community committed to opening doors, uplifting youth, and building pathways for generations to come.

As we celebrate this milestone, we look forward to the next seven years of growth, impact, and partnership.

Thank you for being on this journey with us.

We hope that you enjoy the newsletter.

Sincerely,
— Mechalle, Quenton and Jaylen



Summer at MIT Media Lab

This year's Bridge Program featured an incredible mix of workshops and guest speakers across climate and sustainability, space exploration, leadership, technology, and entrepreneurship. Participants engaged in hands-on sessions with NASA and MIT experts, explored AI, robotics, chemistry, and financial literacy, and heard powerful stories from leaders in sports, tech, and public service.

While every workshop offered something unique, the highest-ranked experience was our visit to Google Headquarters, where students partnered with Google engineers to design and build their own apps. This transformative moment captured the spirit of curiosity, innovation, and opportunity at the heart of the Bridge Program.



Introducing Dr. Kenneth F. Harris II — Advisory Director, STEM Partnerships and Education

We are proud to welcome Dr. Kenneth F. Harris II as the Advisory Director of STEM Partnerships and Education. A former NASA rocket scientist and global STEM leader, Dr. Harris has supported the 7uice Foundation since its inception and brings 17 years of experience advancing innovation, education, and youth equity.

Dr. Harris currently serves as a Senior Engineer advising NASA, the U.S. Department of Defense and other agencies on satellite fabrication and cybersecurity. Starting his career at NASA at age 15, he later became one of the youngest African Americans in NASA's history to lead a major integration effort on the James Webb Space Telescope team.

An entrepreneur in two organizations, Dr. Harris champions technologies that impact climate change, low-earth-orbiting missions, and nanotechnologies. Further, he has developed global STEM initiatives featured by Forbes, PBS Nova, and The Smithsonian, impacting students across five continents.

He holds a Doctor of Engineering from George Washington University, a Master's from Johns Hopkins, and a Bachelor of Science from UMBC.



A Special Thank You to MIT Media Lab

The Bridge Program was born out of Jaylen Brown's fellowship at the MIT Media Lab, where the vision for expanding access, creativity, and opportunity first took shape.

Since then, the Media Lab has remained at the heart of our work—opening its doors, its resources, and its community to our youth year after year. We are deeply grateful to the faculty, researchers, and staff who have welcomed our participants into their labs, led interactive workshops, and inspired young minds to imagine bold futures in science, technology, engineering, and design.

Their partnership has been foundational to our growth, and we are honoured to continue building with them.



Photo: Chris McIntosh



Announcing Our New Partnership with Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs

We are proud to announce a new partnership with Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs (HAE) that will expand mentorship, professional exposure, and workplace opportunities for Bridge Scholars. Through this collaboration, our participants will gain access to HAE's extensive global network, immersive events, and the entrepreneurial ecosystem that supports some of the world's most innovative leaders.



The partnership officially launched at the StartUp World Cup regional competition, where Bridge alums had the opportunity to attend as audience members, learn directly from founders and investors, and experience a real-world pitch environment.

Together with HAE, we look forward to building a strong mentorship pipeline and creating meaningful pathways that connect our youth to the world of entrepreneurship, innovation, and leadership.



Program Impact Over the Years Meet Bridge Scholar Parmis

Cornell sophomore Parmis Mokhtari Dizaji is driven by a powerful idea: that public policy, technology, and design are inseparable tools for social change. Pursuing a Public Policy major with minors in fields from Applied Economics to Design Innovation, Parmis credits

The Bridge Program was the “transformative” experience that cemented her interdisciplinary purpose. **“Bridge taught me to really think interdisciplinarily and seek connections between fields that might not have seemed related at first.”**

This holistic view now defines her work, from managing the development of a food sustainability app at Cornell to leading asylum casework for refugee communities.

The program instilled the lesson that every solution must be viewed humanistically, prompting her to consider both the exciting potential and the moral risks of technologies like AI.

For Parmis, “real change” is achieved through collaboration, as exemplified by her work with architects and policymakers to design playscapes for refugee children.



Parmis Mokhtari Dizaji joined the first edition of the Bridge Program, which took place online, in 2021, participated in the 2022 program in Berkley and 2023 at MIT Media Lab.

This past summer, Parmis joined the support staff for the 2025 edition at MIT Media Lab.



Bridge 2025 Cohort at the MIT Media Lab

BRIDGE PASSPORT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Gain access to exclusive events, mentorship opportunities, college and job readiness programs, and workforce placement pathways — all designed to help you reach your full potential as a Bridge Scholar.



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Register today to unlock your Bridge Passport and start building your future.



If you have joined any Bridge program since 2021 — from the MIT Media Lab Virtual cohort, Berkeley 2022, MIT on-campus summers, or the Zerobotics Internship — you are invited to register for your Bridge Passport. This Passport gives you access to exclusive events, mentorship, college and career readiness programs, and year-round opportunities as a Bridge Scholar.

Register today at <https://www.the7uicefoundation.org/bridge-passport-registration> and stay connected!

7uice Educational Fair

On January 31, the 7uice Foundation and the Yawkey Boys & Girls Club of Roxbury will host the 7uice Educational Fair—a full-day STEM exploration, hands-on learning, and college and career pathways for Bridge Scholars and Boys & Girls Club members.

This year's fair brings together an outstanding group of partners, including MIT Media Lab, NASA, Google, Museum of Science, Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs, Boston Xchange, Day of AI, Clubhouse Network, and admissions teams from top universities such as MIT, Harvard, and Brown.

Youth will also have the opportunity to participate in interactive tournaments with Celtics Gaming and Chess.com, featuring creative energy from Everybody Gotta Eat, DJ Brek, and Snapped Boston.

Visit our events page for more information at: <https://www.the7uicefoundation.org/educationalfair>



Bridging the Future with MIT Sloan

On February 19, 2026, the 7uice Foundation and the MIT Sloan School of Management will host Bridging the Future with Sloan—a mentor-mentee event designed to spark meaningful connections between Bridge Scholars and the MIT community.

Through conversations, hands-on activities, and campus engagement, students will meet Sloan faculty, staff, and graduate students who will share their paths, experiences, and advice.

The goal is to ensure youth feel inspired, supported, and confident that institutions like MIT are places where they belong.

Visit our events page for more information at: <https://www.the7uicefoundation.org/bridging-the-future-with-sloan>

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