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# Looking forward to seeing you.

## Your May Update from President, Dr. Julie Gaddie

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## emPowerU Open House

Join Heartland Foundation on May 29, 4-6 p.m., to tour the renovated emPowerU Central area and enjoy refreshments.

Guests will be the first to see redesigned collaboratories, experience virtual reality stations and be the first to hear 2019 civic engagement topics.

Dr. Julie Gaddie said she is excited for Heartland Foundation stakeholders and the public to see the changes made to emPowerU.

"Thanks to the generosity of many during the ignite Campaign and ignite Annual Fundraiser, Heartland Foundation was able to upgrade the technology and renovate the programming space at emPowerU," Gaddie said.

emPowerU is a place and a program.

emPowerU opened August 27, 2007.

More than 20,000 students have experienced the impact of emPowerU programs such as the Civic Engagement Immersions and e2 Fellowship.

## Heartland Foundation Awards Two CollaborACTION Grants

Heartland Foundation awarded a \$4,350 CollaborACTION Grant to the Grundy County University of Missouri Extension Council.

The granted funds will assist efforts in the organization's Step Out and Up to Leadership (SOUL) program. This program will teach life skills to incarcerated women preparing to reenter the community. The goal is to help women find a place for their strengths by providing leadership and life skills.

This year's largest CollaborACTION Grant, of \$49,100 was awarded to the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce and the St. Joseph School District.

The grant assists these two organizations to work with Edge Factor to create and implement a regional solution to the skills gap in workforce development. The project will build relationships and resources for workforce development, specifically in the industry sectors that matter most in the community.

Heartland Foundation's CollaborACTION grants help support collaborative solutions which are designed to champion new innovations that have the potential to impact education levels, character development and/or workforce skills. The grants are awarded on an annual, competitive basis.

### [Learn More About Our CollaborACTION Grants](#)



emPowerU Facilitator, JoAnn Wann, works with campers in our LEGO EV3 Robotics Camp.

## **2019 Summer STEAM Camps Registration Open Now**

Registration for our 2019 STEAM camps at emPowerU in St. Joseph, Missouri, and Think Ahead Works® in King City, Missouri continues! Some sessions are beginning to fill up.

Our Summer Camps are designed for students grades 3-8 to create and develop an interest in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. All sessions feature hands-on activities led by trained facilitators. Kids will build machines, vehicles, tools, contraptions and robots. They will also learn how to program their robots to perform a variety of maneuvers.

**The next 10 new registrations are entered in a drawing where one lucky camper will receive \$25 off their registration fee!**

*For more information on camp offerings and to register, please visit [here](#).*

## **Apply now for the Lowell C. Kruse *Healthy Choices. Healthy Lives.* Scholarship**

The Kruse Scholarship provides financial assistance to a first-year, full-time graduate student studying in areas leading to improved quality of life for the residents of the Mosaic Life Care service region including, but not limited to, Health Care Administration, Early Childhood Development, Not-For-Profit Management, and Educational Leadership. This scholarship is funded by Mosaic Life Care and managed by Heartland Foundation. Application deadline is June 15.

[Learn More About The Scholarship](#)

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