



## **PARTNER** PROFILE

### *FINFROCK Inspires the Next Generation*

As one of our state's leading design build firms, **FINFROCK** is committed to inspiring the next generation of STEM professionals. Their dedication to STEM learning has translated into a long history of collaboration with Orlando Science Center. Their CEO, Bob Finfrock, served on the Science Center's board of trustees for many years, including acting as Chair from July 2014 to June 2015. He continues to provide leadership and guidance for the organization as a trusted advisor. He and his wife Ginny are also donors to the Unlock Science Campaign while the company has contributed to the campaign, sponsored events, and participates in our corporate partnership program.

**FINFROCK** employees have volunteered for several Science Center efforts, including the Young Entrepreneurs Academy and summer camps. For example, Architectural Project Manager Stephannie Ruiz has been volunteering her time with Orlando Science Center students since 2012. She has worked with kids both at OSC and also at **FINFROCK**, where she has helped lead summer camp sessions. "Working at **FINFROCK** has given me the opportunity to share my passion for my career with students through STEM and STEAM education," she said.

When she was in elementary school, Stephanie knew she wanted to be an architect. Now she wants to help

other kids realize their dreams, too. "It's fun and rewarding to see the students get excited about how the design-build industry works," she explains. "We give them real-world situations and applications to learn from - such as how to deal with zoning issues and budget constraints. It's amazing to see how creative they can be once they realize it's okay to think outside the box."

For example, students were given the opportunity to develop site plans for building new classrooms. In addition to learning about schematics, design and engineering, they also learned about how to budget for and buy the building materials. To sweeten the experience, they were given pieces of candy to use as building materials for their own 30 models of their renderings.



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