



## OUR MISSION

**The Museum at Prairiefire** is committed to innovative learning in science, the arts and natural history. Through a founding collaboration with the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, as well as with other cultural and educational institutions in the nation, the Museum at Prairiefire is a place that provides **ACCESS FOR ALL** to understand and celebrate natural history and science in our region and around the world. The Museum engages visitors and students of all ages with world-class exhibitions, important programming, and significant educational and STEAM opportunities.

## KC URBAN ADVANTAGE SNAPSHOT

*This innovative and world-class program was developed and is administered by the Museum at Prairiefire.* The original Urban Advantage program was developed in New York City by the American Museum of Natural History and its partner institutions.

**KC URBAN ADVANTAGE** is a standards and research-based collaboration between underserved schools and youth, the Museum at Prairiefire and partnering Kansas City metro cultural and learning institutions such as museums, science centers, cultural organizations and zoos. The program serves all elementary grade levels.

KC Urban Advantage is funded in full by the Museum at Prairiefire, and collectively, alongside its partnering cultural and learning institutions provides extraordinary resources in direct support of STEAM - specific goals including:

1. High-quality professional development for teachers and administrators
2. Classroom materials and equipment that promote scientific inquiry and authentic investigations
3. Access to Urban Advantage Partner institutions through free school and family field trips
4. Outreach through family events, celebrations of student achievement, and parent coordinator workshops
5. Capacity-building and sustainability structures, including a network of demonstration schools and support for the development of lead teachers
6. Assessment of program goals, student learning, systems of delivery, and outcomes

**8,000+ UNDER SERVED STUDENTS FROM 10 SCHOOLS AND FIVE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS HAVE PARTICIPATED 2016-2020**

***KCUA UPDATE: 2020 WAS THE YEAR OF THE PIVOT! IN ADDITION TO ONLINE STEAM EDUCATION WE PROVIDED ESSENTIALS THROUGH FOOD DRIVES, DIAPER DRIVES AND KID FRIENDLY FOOD DRIVES!***

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