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## WE CONNECT THE DOTS AWARDED GRANT FROM INSIGHT

*Long Island, NY:* We Connect the Dots, Inc., (WCTD) an educational nonprofit organization, was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from Insight to support students participation in (STEAM) Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math programs. This grant is for students in the New York, Long Island area. The donation will support students in underserve communities in Westbury and surrounding areas at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Code-a-thon this January. A portion of the donation will also be allocated to support the development of a STREAM Center at 1025 Old Country road, in Westbury. This new Education Center will provide the Long Island Community with an innovative learning environment designed as an Education showcase for surrounding school districts and the overall communities of Long Island. It is a first of its kind in the nation and a model to support the transformation of education as we know it. It will be the home of We Connect The Dots, where free student experiential learning programs will take place to inform, inspire, and educate students on the careers in STEAM. It will host a number of labs, including a maker space engineering lab, data science lab, and 3D augmented reality lab. High school students will be able to participate in research programs in partnership with local Universities and virtually with Universities from around the world. School district leaders and educators will participate in professional development within the center and learn about new forms of technology innovations in education and how technology can support their students in a STEAM integrated learning experiences.

“We are excited to take this vision to life, after four years of planning we have a home that can support our center”, says WCTD founder Laurie Carey. “Students today need to be prepared for a job market heavily entrenched in tech and sciences, and with the gap in students participating in career paths in STEM, there is no time to waste.”

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*We Connect The Dots is a nonprofit organization that inspires and educates students in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) careers through collaboration with the community, education, government and the technology industry.*

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Information about the program can be found at the WCTD website:  
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