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## **Social Impact Initiative Starts Up to Improve Career Navigation**

As we reflect on the past year and look forward to this new beginning, we recall how the shutdown period in 2020 enabled the launch of our organization, Future Chats, and its program STEMxx Chats.

Each profession has its unique challenges, opportunities, and tricks of the trade, and the options keep multiplying and becoming more specialized. For those with shared professional interests, friendships can arise naturally around these shared interests and advice is sought eagerly from those more senior.

How often in our professional journey we look for advisors and peers who are good professionals and also share our high ideals, and how inefficient and random can this process be! Now with tools that can help us connect beyond our geographical area, share resources in digital platforms, and better manage networks, it is time to make this process more effective!

**In order to meet today's challenges, we also need to work together to make the world better and prioritize supporting young people as they navigate this new panorama.**

**This adventure started with STEMxx Chats:** for women interested in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). This program is run by 50 young women, from all over the US and abroad, who meet in small "core groups" to bond, support one another, and dialogue about topics important to their career stage, and who work on teams (across career stages) with positions in one or more of 8 departments. We also host events that are open to the public and publish some of our content online to further increase access to good resources.

What's the name about? The "xx" is for women who want to have an "x" (multiplied) impact by helping others, and the "Chats" is because we work through dialogue and relationships and understanding.

Since June we've been able to interview top women in STEM and get to know women from a range of career stages and we dig into **the personal side of careers and the professional journey in addition to the technical**. Our events team has organized panels on [Academia vs Company Careers](#), "To PhD or not to PhD," "[Is Medical School for Me?](#)," [Choosing a College](#), [Inside Scoop on College Apps from Recent Grads](#), [Consulting as a Career Path](#), and [Education Career Paths](#).

We've had **webinar interviews** complete with live Q&A with former [President of Princeton University Prof. Shirley Tilghman](#), Founder & CSO of Cala Health Kate Rosenbluth, [MIT Prof.](#)

[Paula Hammond](#), creativity and innovation expert Prof. [Tina Seelig](#). We've interviewed Pathology Professor [Natalia Nieto](#) and an [engineer at NASA](#).

Our content and video teams have collaborated to create **conversation starter videos on important topics** that our core groups have had deep discussions about: [Advisor Relationships and Looking for Mentors](#), [Being a Professional with Impact](#), [Working & Studying Maximizing the Output](#), [Grounding Your Identity](#), [Goals Deadlines and Getting Things Done](#), [Re-centering Yourself on Your Strengths](#), [Secrets to Better Relationships at Work](#), [Positive Changemakers](#), [Writing Winning College Applications](#), [Being a Professional Woman/ in STEM](#), and [How to Choose: 5 Steps for Making Decisions](#).

**We feel incredibly grateful** for our incredible members who give so much hope for the future, for the chance to be a part of this and build something together that can have a lasting and sustainable impact and adapt to the needs of the future, for the eager willingness of so many incredibly accomplished women to share their story and advice as speakers and panelists, for all the friends we've been able to make and reconnect with, for all the awesome new people we've been able to meet through the events and web platforms, and for all of the support and encouragement you have given us along the way.

Future Chats, Inc. was incorporated in the Fall and we are in the process of establishing our not-for-profit status. We will keep you posted as things develop and would like to thank you for your support. We look forward to continuing to work with you to build a better future.