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**Free Robotics, Website Design, Video Game Animation Workshops
for Kids' / Teens' at STEAM Expo on Saturday, January 28, 2017**

Santa Clarita Valley/Antelope Valley Chapter of
Jack & Jill of America, Inc. Hosts Second Event
at College of the Canyons

Valencia, CA (December 23, 2016) -- The Santa Clarita Valley/Antelope Valley Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc. hosts its second STEAM Expo for kids and teens on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at College of the Canyons' Diane Van Hook University Center in Valencia. The free event for youth aged 5 to 19 includes workshops on website design, mobile app coding, robotics, science, video game animation, graphic design, and careers in STEAM.

Distinguished STEAM professionals will lead the sessions that span the four-hour expo. Career panels will explore opportunities in architecture and electronic security as well as cinema, television and new media. A robotics expert will give students an overview on building robots. A chief technology officer will offer insight on the next generation in technology. College of the Canyons will provide the instruction for the Intro to Video Game Animation class.

The event will also feature workshops specifically geared to elementary school aged children, including science and chemistry demonstrations, interactive bubble science presentations, and a four-hour self-directed Lego Worlds project.

Ebony Macon Johnson, president, Santa Clarita Valley/Antelope Valley chapter, is excited that the organization is offering the STEAM Expo a second time. "Our chapter received a regional award (2nd place) for Best of the Best Programming for this event last year," she says. "As Jack and Jill members, one aim of our national organization is 'to seek for all children the same advantages which we desire for our own.' With this event, we can expose children of diverse backgrounds to various STEAM fields through fun activities and pique their interest in a potential career in STEAM."

Event Chair Lisa Holmes says youth should be excited about the event. "If you attended last year, this is even bigger," she explains. "There is something for everyone at this event. It is filled with fun hands on activities in science and robotics, mobile app, and website coding experiences that will result in a take home finished product."

The STEAM Expo is supported by a grant from Santa Clarita Community College District, a California community college district and political subdivision of the State of California.

About Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to develop children into future leaders and foster relationships within our community. The organization provides cultural, educational, health, social, recreational, legislative, fundraising and community service opportunities aimed at enhancing and enriching the lives of children. Jack and Jill of America,

Inc. has a membership base of over 9,500 families. It is the oldest and largest African-American family organization in the United States.

For more information about Jack and Jill of America Inc. and to register for STEAM Expo, please go to: jackandjillscvav.com. Email questions to: jackandjillsteamexpo@gmail.com.

College of the Canyons' Diane Van Hook University Center is located at 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Valencia, CA, 91355.

