



Monthly Meeting Presenter's Information

Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Topic: *Florida Polytechnic Education Outreach*

Presenter: *Indira Sukhraj*

Bio: *Indira Sukhraj is a member of Florida Polytechnic's Education Outreach Team, the Learning & Development Facilitator at the Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute and an Adjunct Professor at Florida Polytechnic University. Her undergraduate degree is in psychology & biology from the University of North Florida and master's degree is in Instructional Design from Saint Leo University. She is a former high school classroom teacher that now focuses on STEM Education. Her background includes animal and environmental science. She is involved in Science and Engineering at every level and is dedicated to promoting STEM education.*

Abstract: *Florida Polytechnic's Education Outreach Team is a combination of staff from Florida Polytechnic's External Affairs Department, The Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute and Florida Polytechnic Faculty. The team is to increase awareness and build strategic relationships with external and k-12 educational constituents that promote advocacy and support for Florida Polytechnic University and to expose the K-12 underrepresented and gifted students to STEM innovation. They are currently involved education outreach including K-12 schools throughout central Florida, community after school STEM programs, Science and Engineering Fair and STEM focused conferences. The Education Outreach Team's vision is to foster collaboration between the University and its regional stakeholders to advance strategic communications and relationships and to make STEM more accessible to the K-12 community. We believe SME is a stakeholder in Florida K-12 Education.*