

A Day of Insight and Conversation

This year's showcase featured both a student panel and an industry panel, creating space for open discussion across experience levels.

Student Panel

The student panel explored how participation in student teams and clubs helps develop technical skills, confidence, and real-world experience. Students shared their experiences, challenges, and perspectives to inspire others to get involved and explore opportunities in STEM.

Student Panelists:

- **Nikki** – Esquimalt Atom Smashers
- **Jason** – Fix It 3491
- **Renata** – AUVIC
- **Spencer** – UVic Satellite Design
- **Leo** – Camosun Robotics Club



Industry Panel

The industry panel offered insight into STEM careers on Vancouver Island, highlighting industry trends, opportunities, and local innovation. Professionals spoke about their experiences and advice to help students and attendees navigate pathways into the field.

Industry Panelists:

- **Meghan Nichol** – VP, People & Culture at Redlen Technologies
- **Susan McDougall** – Principle at Focal Engineering
- **Tom Stevenson** – Director of Engineering, Advanced Metering Group at Schneider Electric



*Thank you to our panel moderator, **Bridget Anaeke**, Director at Island Women in Science & Technology (iWIST), for your strong facilitation in guiding these conversations.*