

Make the Most of Carolina's **YOUNG INNOVATORS**SM PROFILE CARDS

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO INSPIRE YOUR STUDENTS IN STEM?

Engage them using Carolina's Young InnovatorsSM profile cards. Print the profile cards—available in English and Spanish—and choose from the activities below.

They're quick prep and sure to demonstrate to students that they have a place in STEM!

CREATE A CAROUSEL

On each of several desks, place a profile card and a piece of poster paper. Students grouped around each desk review the profile card to learn about the Young Innovator. Then they write on the poster paper what they found inspiring about the Young Innovator, the innovation, or something the Young Innovator said. When finished, have each group rotate to a different desk and repeat the process to add their thoughts or respond to a previous group's writings.

JOIN IN A JIGSAW

Provide each student in each four-student group a different profile card. Give students a set amount of time to silently read their cards to learn about their Young Innovators, their innovations, and their reasons for creating. When time is up, students share about their Young Innovators with their group and discuss what the group's four Young Innovators have in common. Then, as a class, discuss group responses and how commonly shared ideas can be applied to their own learning.

MAKERSPACE MOTIVATION

After completing either of the other activities, encourage students to brainstorm innovations that matter to them—to solve problems in their own lives or communities—and share their ideas with the class. Schedule time throughout the school week for students to visit your Makerspace or Idea Lab to begin brainstorming, planning, and creating innovations to address problems they would like to help solve. For inspiration, post the profile cards in this space.

NOMINATE YOUR YOUNG INNOVATORS!

When you see a K–12 student who has made an interesting innovation or discovery, **recommend them** for recognition in Carolina's Young Innovators program! We're always on the lookout for Young Innovators.

Tell us about the student's innovation and aspirations, and how we can help the Young Innovator succeed.