

4 Years of STEMtorship

Chris Provideo

In this TEDx speech, Chris Provideo highlights the impact of mentorship through the perspective of a Bowie State scholar. His undergraduate story was focused on fulfilling two missions: pursuing scientific inquiry and increasing minority representation concurrently. However, his story met challenges that are typical in contributing to underrepresentation in academia. Chris reflects on how our community and its mentors fueled him to overcome these local and external disparities. His success story to realize achievements will provide evidence of empowerment through the form of mentorship, crediting the communities and initiatives that have supported him. He will emphasize mentorship's importance through two perspectives of mentor and mentee to fuel others in valuing similar relationships for their wellness. Chris showcases his path as a product of torchbearers and now continues to be one himself. This is a story of academic passion and perseverance that was fueled by many and succeeded by one.

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