2nd SEMAA Day STEM Extravaganza 2013 Highlights:

The Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy (SEMAA) project at Morgan State University hosted its 2nd SEMAA Day STEM Extravaganza on Saturday September 14th, 2013 in the Hill Field House on Morgan’s Campus. The event ran from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Hill Field House at 1700, E. Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21251.

The SEMAA Day Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Extravaganza was a fun-filled day of various hands-on minds-on STEM activities for students from K to 12th grade, their parents/family members and the general public. The day’s event was designed to encourage youth to pursue careers in STEM at the post-secondary level and provide parents and family members with educational materials and techniques on how to keep their children interested in academics, especially the STEM field. There were numerous FREE educational materials and opportunities about STEM for K-12 students, teachers and parents. Exhibitors and presenters from various national, regional and local STEM organizations and agencies were present to provide a wide variety of hands-on STEM activities for participants. These included: American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), NASA Glenn Research Center, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Can Manufacturers Institute, Maryland Space Grant Consortium, Maryland Science Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U S Coast Guard, U S Geological Survey (USGS), Space Telescope Science Institute, Banneker Museum, American Geosciences Institute, Paragon TEC, Inc. and Baltimore SEMAA Instructors. This was a free event for the whole family and was featured on the web site of USA Science & Engineering Festival as an Affiliate Event. By the end of the day's event, we had a total of 521 participants in attendance.

Representing the university president and providing the keynote address was Dr. Keith Jackson,
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Morgan State University. Visiting in an unofficial capacity was the Mayor of Baltimore, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. We acknowledge with gratitude the contributions and assistance from all who helped to make this year’s event a success.

Sampling of Participants and partner comments on 2nd SEMAA day event:

- My son and I really enjoyed the Extravaganza. It was well organized. The exhibitors were very knowledgeable and had great hands on activities.
- Loved the Extravaganza. As always many exhibits to excite and educate the kids. Learning experience also for the parents. Handouts were great.
- The SEMAA extravaganza was excellent. All presenters were able to engage children and parents in each aspect of the science technology program.
- I have (from the extravaganza), the perfect idea and material for my son’s school science project. He is also excited about the project, a major stress reducer.
- The SEMAA event was a blast! It was well planned, relevant, highly engaging and a treat for all who were in attendance. I was very excited to meet so many parents and students who have such a great interest in STEM learning experiences.
- I was impressed with the steady flow of the students and parents to our Maryland Space Grant tables. With a steady stream of kids and adults throughout the bulk of the day. It was busy enough that I really didn't get a chance to walk around the room much at all, as I did last year.