

## **EPO: Karsh STEM Scholars Program**

*Tuesday, 10 August 2021 08:00 (1 hour)*

Ron H. Smith is the Director of the Howard University Karsh STEM Scholars Program. The Karsh STEM Scholars Program currently supports 122 STEM Scholars throughout their academic journey, with the goal of the Scholars receiving a Ph.D. in a STEM field. Students start in the program during their undergraduate years and continue through the completion of their graduate degree. In this session, Mr. Smith will highlight this award-winning program by sharing the vision for the program and how it developed. He will also highlight the prestigious accomplishments of the program's Scholars.

The Howard University Karsh STEM Scholars Program received the 2020 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education. This Award honors colleges and universities that encourage and assist students from underrepresented groups in their pursuit of careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

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