



## **Building Public Private Partnerships that benefit Minnesota Learners Bringing VR to STEM Learning**

**Made possible by a generous donation from Medtronic, the Minnesota STEM Ecosystem is providing immersive virtual reality (VR) tools for STEM career exploration and learning throughout the state. The Oculus headsets were distributed to several educational lending libraries and after-school STEM programs serving Greater Minnesota.**

To prepare our students for success in the 21st-century workforce, the Minnesota STEM Ecosystem prioritizes forging strong partnerships that unite the strengths of both public and private sectors. These collaborations go beyond simply combining resources; they create meaningful opportunities that have a lasting impact on students, educators, and communities throughout Minnesota.

Most recently, our partnership with Medtronic has provided immersive virtual reality (VR) tools for STEM career exploration and learning. Valued at over \$30,000.00, 200 Quest 2 Oculus headsets were distributed to several educational cooperative

lending libraries, after-school STEM outreach and learning programs serving Greater Minnesota. They will support STEM career exploration and career focused learning in areas such as health sciences, natural resources, and advanced manufacturing.

By aligning the resources, expertise, and goals of both sectors, we are not only improving learning outcomes but also ensuring that Minnesota's students are well-equipped for the future.

