Here is a breakdown of the programs that are up and going right now.

• Virtual After School Program

Digital Divas is doing a Virtual After School Program for 4 middle schools in SE Michigan. Our major sponsor is GameAbove, who is paying for 100 students to receive STEM kits for learning to take place at home. They will virtually meet with their STEM teacher twice a week to work on extracurricular STEM activities.

The program is named the Digital Divas and Digital Dudes Virtual After School Program. They begin the week of Oct 12. The program is run virtually, students meet online with their teacher twice a week, for two hours a day. The program offers 14 units in various STEM topics. This program is unique because it supplies STEM kits to students that allow them to have hands-on engagements in STEM. Students will receive 14 different kits to coincide with the different STEM units they will be working on this year. The entire program will run for 20 weeks, with an opportunity for the students to participate in a 4-year summer program in STEM at EMU. This program is made possible through the GameAbove and the Mr. October Foundation.

Digital Divas Esports team

This team of high school girls will competitively play video games with other high school teams. The benefit of joining is girls build skills in critical thinking, leadership, problem-solving, communication, and STEM. The high school girls are enrolled at the Early College Alliance on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

• Digital Diva Chats

This is a series of videos of women who are currently enrolled in a STEM major or who have graduated from a STEM major. They share their stories of what their journey was like to be a student in their various programs. Here is a link to Monica's story. She is currently a student in EMU's Physician Assistant Program. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2_M14TzI44</u>

Here is an article about the program: https://today.emich.edu/story/story/11545

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