

MdBio ATLAS: What is Your Legacy?

Earlier this week, CNSI participated in the [MdBio Foundation](#) Fall [ATLAS](#) event. Just like an [atlas](#) is a composite of maps to help a person chart a course, this event was a composite of Maryland business leaders, colleges, government agencies and potential employers there to help local high school students chart their futures. More specifically, the event is a creative space for students to explore college and/or career readiness in [Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics](#) (STEM).





CNSI, along with fourteen other companies and organizations, hosted around 100 attendees at the event, which started off with an engaging key note from [Dr. Justin Rice](#).

As a Development Engineer at NASA's [Goddard Space Flight Center](#), Dr. Rice connected with the students on everything from his personal journey through education to having a strong, disciplined work ethic, and how both led him to having a successful career in a STEM-focused field. Before Dr. Rice "released" the audience, he asked them, "What is your legacy going to look like?" Inspired by his energy and enthusiasm for STEM learning, students, teachers and attendees took to the expo floor to take tours of [University of Maryland science labs](#), participate in hands-on workshops (like the gravity-powered pipeline activity presented by [Pure Technologies](#)), and discuss IT and science-related career fields (like the [ones offered by CNSI](#)).



We were thrilled to be part of the event showcasing [our world](#) and [growing future of Health IT](#). Especially since over 75 percent of visitors to our booth were [young women](#) looking for careers in a STEM-related field. It was encouraging to see these bright female minds pursuing all the opportunities out there, especially in fields that have been traditionally dominated by their male counterparts.

Thank you to the MdBio lab for this opportunity to connect with the tomorrow's leaders. We look forward to seeing what legacy these students will create!