On February 19, 2016, STEM students and staff came together for lively conversation and refreshments. The social mixer provided an opportunity for students and staff to get to know one another and build relationships that are vital to student success. Students also learned about services offered by the STEM Program.

On February 26, the movie *My Family* was shown to students. Afterwards, there was a stimulating discussion about the different challenges that families and individuals face in our society.

On March 14, *Spare Parts*, an inspirational movie, presented the possibilities to achieve dreams beyond what others predetermine to be possible. This film is particularly relevant to our students given the movie characters' diverse social and economic backgrounds that mirror their own. Moreover, this film recounts the real story of high school students in Arizona that compete against MIT students in a Robotics competition and are able to come out on top.

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