Putting The A In STEM The answer to the meta is an 11-letter word

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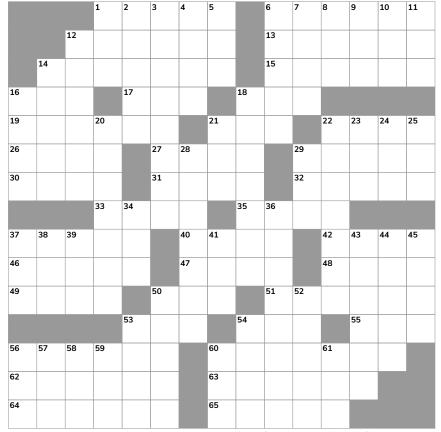
1 Balancing sign

- 6 My first is a feature of chicken ___
- 12 Fresh Indian cheese
- 13 "If music be the food of love, play on" speaker
- 14 Complete fiasco
- 15 Pleasant smells
- 16 Then ___ on a tap
- 17 And a question of ____
- 18 Salty expanse
- 19 Member of the rhododendron family
- 21 In favour of
- 22 The next starts my country but covered with ____
- 26 She played Helen in "The Fugitive"
- 27 Letterbox contents
- 29 Solitary type
- 30 "Hey, you!"
- **31** Continental money
- 32 English class assignment
- **33** And then come two letters that get very ____
- 35 Untidiness
- 37 Nebraska's largest city
- 40 Graven image
- 42 Grave robber for a mad scientist

- 46 Dining-room bottle with a stopper
 47 The last is a _____
- **48** In a race with a
- **49** Archaeological sites
- 50 Stately shade tree
- 51 Preoccupy excessively
- 53 Prior to year zero, briefly
- 54 Bikini top
- 55 Collector's goal
- **56** R.E.M. album with the song "Imitation Of Life"
- 60 Uses for support
- 62 Mrs. Marcos
- 63 When day breaks
- 64 Then place at the
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- 65 A word for the

DOWN

- 1 Experiment site
- 2 Blown away
 - 3 Sauce based on milk thickened with a white roux
 - 4 Count (on)
- 5 It often follows you
- 6 Baffling riddle that you will need to solve
- 7 Black-and-white predator



8 Eliot's monogram

- 9 Back of a brooch
- **10** Bank-statement abbr.
- 11 Aurora's Greek counterpart
- 12 They get pulled off a flower as a test of love, weirdly
- 14 Sleeps lightly
- **16** Hinged door fastener
- 18 King known for his wisdom
- 20 Gate closers
- 21 Tree with needles and cones

- 22 Spills the tea, in a sense
- 23 Opposite of offs
- 24 Grazing land
- 25 Lacking moisture
- 28 Loud enough to hear
- **29** French article
- 34 Granola grain
- 36 Spanish for "gilded one"
- 37 Anxiety issue, briefly
- **38** Diagnostic scan, for short
- **39** If follows Jul.
- **41** AOC, for example
- 43 Keeps at it

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 - 44 Actress Mary-Kate, Ashley, or Elizabeth
 - **45** Quiet moment on a score
 - **50** Brilliant success
 - **52** Far from original
 - 53 Expressed, as a farewell
 - 54 One of the March sisters
 - 56 River, in Mexico
 - 57 Down Under bird
 - 58 Animal doc
 - 59 Ernie of the PGA
 - 60 Order's partner
 - 61 Fin. neighbour