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August I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Model Announced

Chatham, N.J. (September 1, 2021) The New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (“NJSPN”) is excited to announce its July I CAN STEM New Jersey STEM Role Model, Kristin DeLorenzo.

Kristin DeLorenzo has been teaching in New Jersey for 21 years. She supports students and teachers in her role of elementary math specialist in the Flemington-Raritan School District, where she strives to inspire young mathematicians to notice and wonder about the math around them. Through her work with Experience Math! and the Summer STEM Experience programs, Kristin immerses students in engaging activities in STEM. Kristin has recently been focused on helping teachers bring technology into math classes through applications like Desmos. Kristin is a passionate advocate for high quality mathematics instruction for all students. She is a recent alumna of the NJ STEM Innovation Fellowship, is a NJ Ambassador and curriculum reviewer for edreports.org, and is a frequent presenter at local, state, and regional education conferences.

Through I CAN STEM, the NJSPN aims to increase the diversity of New Jersey’s STEM workforce and academic pipelines. I CAN STEM will highlight diverse STEM role models so that all students will be able to see themselves participating and succeeding in STEM courses and careers. Each year, 12 I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Models will be highlighted, one each month.

NJSPN features both historical and famous I CAN STEM Role Models, such as physicist Shirley Ann Jackson, mathematician Alberto Calderón, and molecular biologist Flossie Wong-Staal, as well as I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Models representing people of color, LGBTQ+ community members and women who work in a STEM field here in New Jersey .

The I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Models were identified through an online nomination process. Nominations for 2021 are closed and nominations for 2022 will begin in September. Anyone can submit a nomination that meets the diversity criteria and works



in New Jersey in a STEM field. The nomination form will be available at njstempathways.org.

For more information on I CAN STEM visit <https://njstempathways.org/i-can-stem/>.

The NJSPN was created in 2014 and is managed by the Research & Development Council for New Jersey. It includes over 500 STEM leaders from across the State and connects all STEM stakeholders-K-12, higher education, non-profit, informal providers, business, philanthropists and government. NJSPN has six STEM learning ecosystems as part of an international network of ecosystems supported by the STEM Funders' Network. You can learn more about the Jersey STEM Pathways Network and New Jersey's STEM Ecosystems by visiting www.njstempathways.org.