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April 2022 I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Model Announced

Chatham, N.J. (April 1, 2022) The New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (“NJSPN”) is excited to announce its March I CAN STEM New Jersey STEM Role Model, Kamuran Soydam.

Kamuran Soydam currently works as a STEM teacher and Coach for I-Learn Schools. At i-Learn Schools, he has contributed in providing leadership for professional development to other STEM/STEAM instructors and paraprofessionals in the school to promote learning and teaching best practices. He participated in the Eco-Green Panasonic Project that inspires students to think about recycling programs at their school. Kamuran has also been featured on NJTV’s education series, where he shared live science lessons during the COVID pandemic.

In 2021, he was honored by the Association of American Educators (AAE) as part of National Charter Schools Week where charter school educators nationwide were asked to nominate an exceptional colleague to be one of five featured educators. We’re so honored to have her be part of our 2022 I CAN STEM Role Models!

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 2022 are closed and nominations for 2023 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.