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## **May 2023 I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Model Announced**

Chatham, N.J. (May 1, 2023) The New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (“NJSPN”) is excited to announce its May I CAN STEM New Jersey STEM Role Model, Laura Krause.

Laura is a 2009 graduate of The College of New Jersey in Pre-Engineering Technology Studies. She has a Masters in Special Education and a Master in STEM Leadership. Laura is also a graduate of the US STEM Institute.

Laura discovered that she loves STEM during her freshman year in high school with her wonderful teacher Mr. Mark Wallace. He ignited the spark in Laura for her love of STEM. Laura is currently a Teacher of STEM and Robotics at Warren Hills Middle School. She has been a STEM teacher for 14 years, teaching students from grades 5 to 12 all aspects of STEM such as woodshop, Engineering, Mechanical Movement, Robotics and STEM design. We're so honored to have her be part of our 2023 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 highlights 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 are highlighted, one each month.

The 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 2023 are closed and nominations for 2024 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](http://njstempathways.org).



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

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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](http://www.njstempathways.org).