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NJ STEM Pathways Network and Research & Development Council of New Jersey celebrate NJ STEM Month 2024 at New Jersey Statehouse

Chatham, NJ – On Monday, March 18, 2024, the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN) and Research & Development Council of NJ (R&D Council of NJ) celebrated New Jersey STEM Month at the Statehouse in Trenton with their annual STEM Showcase event.

NJ STEM Month, a collaborative effort between the NJSPN and R&D Council of NJ, shines a spotlight on the remarkable achievements in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and innovation within the Garden State. Originally established as NJ STEM Week, with the backing of Governor Murphy’s administration and support from Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker’s office, this annual celebration was extended to encompass the entire month of March in 2018, formally recognized as New Jersey STEM Month by both legislative decree and gubernatorial proclamation.

The STEM Showcase serves as a pivotal event among the 100+ activities organized each year in honor of New Jersey STEM Month. This event gives STEM organizations from across the state the opportunity to showcase their work within New Jersey’s STEM pipeline. The purpose of the STEM Showcase is to increase the engagement of policymakers, STEM stakeholders, and the general public in building capacity in STEM education and overall innovation in the state.

The following 15 STEM organizations from across the state were in attendance:

- Drop the Beet Farms
- Garden State-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (GS-LSAMP)
- Governor’s STEM Scholars

- HSMC Tri-County STEM Ecosystem
- HUBotics - Human Robotics
- Hudson County Community College
- Jose Marti STEM Academy
- Liberty STEM Ecosystem
- Mid-Jersey Green STREAM Ecosystem
- Mindbytes
- New Jersey Makers Day
- North Bergen S.T.E.A.M. Academy
- Police Activities League
- Rutgers-New Brunswick SAS EOF Program
- Students 2 Science

Throughout the event, numerous state legislative representatives engaged with the presenting organizations, gaining insights into the myriad STEM initiatives underway across the state. Attendees were also provided with a comprehensive STEM Showcase booklet, featuring participating organizations alongside others unable to attend. A digital version of the booklet is available on our website at www.njstempathways.org/njstemmonth.

The NJSPN was created in 2014 and is managed by the Research & Development Council for New Jersey. It includes over 700 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, New Jersey's STEM Ecosystems, and NJ STEM Month by visiting www.njstempathways.org.