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## **October 2025 I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Model Announced**

Chatham, N.J.- The New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (“NJSPN”) is excited to announce its October I CAN STEM New Jersey STEM Role Model, Dr. Mukund Iyengar.

Dr. Iyengar is the Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship Education at Stevens Institute of Technology. He joined the university as a faculty member after completing his Ph.D. in computer science. He turned down offers from Google and Facebook to pursue his passion for building innovative projects with students. He is the founding director of Launchpad@Stevens and iSTEM@Stevens, two programs that guide students from idea conception to launching full-fledged enterprises. Over the past six years, Iyengar has been instrumental in helping students launch more than 25 companies, some of which have secured backing from Y Combinator and Sequoia Capital. We're so honored to have him be part of our 2025 I CAN STEM Role Models!

Through I CAN STEM, the NJSPN aims to expand participation in New Jersey’s STEM workforce and academic pathways. I CAN STEM showcases accomplished STEM professionals to inspire students to pursue opportunities in STEM courses and careers. Each year, 12 I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Models are featured, one each month, highlighting individuals who have made significant contributions to STEM fields in New Jersey.

The I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Models are selected through an online nomination process. Anyone can submit a nomination for a STEM professional working in New Jersey who has demonstrated excellence and impact in their field.

For more information and to submit a nomination 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 800 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 eight 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).