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November 2025 I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Model Announced

Chatham, N.J.- The New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (“NJSPN”) is excited to announce its November I CAN STEM New Jersey STEM Role Model, Keion Walker.

As Program Director of Urban Outreach & Education at NY/NJ Baykeeper, Keion is a passionate environmental educator and community engagement professional with more than five years of experience in outreach, program development, and leadership. Since joining NY/NJ Baykeeper in 2022, he has led a range of impactful programs designed to promote environmental advocacy and STEM education for diverse communities across New Jersey and New York City.

Under Keion’s direction, NY/NJ Baykeeper’s education initiatives reach hundreds of students each year. The Ocean Pathways Career Exploration Summer Program offers Newark students hands-on experience in coastal ecosystem restoration and water quality monitoring. Through the Rink-2-Reef Oyster Garden and Water Quality Program, students learn about conservation and marine science by participating directly in restoration projects. Keion also works closely with Boy and Girl Scouts to strengthen their understanding of sustainability and green infrastructure, while leading outreach events that engage hundreds more students annually in climate awareness and environmental action. 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/>.



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.