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December 2025 I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Model Announced

Chatham, N.J. — The New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN) is excited to announce **Jessica McKenzie** as its **December I CAN STEM New Jersey Role Model**. We are honored to welcome Jessica as part of our 2025 I CAN STEM Role Model Class.

The **I CAN STEM** initiative highlights individuals who are expanding access, opportunity, and visibility in STEM across New Jersey. While many honorees work directly in STEM fields, I CAN STEM also proudly uplifts leaders whose advocacy, strategic vision, and commitment to equity help strengthen New Jersey's STEM ecosystem. Each year, 12 role models are featured—one per month—recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to STEM education, workforce development, and community impact.

Jessica McKenzie exemplifies the spirit of I CAN STEM. As **Manager of Corporate Contributions and Program Officer at Panasonic North America**, she leads corporate citizenship efforts with more than a decade of experience in social impact. Jessica oversees philanthropic strategy and grantmaking through the Panasonic Foundation, advancing educational and economic equity by supporting STEAM education and workforce development initiatives. Her work includes launching national programs, encouraging corporate engagement in addressing systemic challenges, and strengthening local and national partnerships focused on opportunity and mobility.

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.