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New Jersey Legislators attend Annual STEM Showcase at the State House

Chatham, NJ – March 25, 2025 – On Monday, March 24, the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN), an initiative of the Research & Development Council of New Jersey, marked the celebration of New Jersey STEM Month 2025 with their annual STEM Showcase at the State House in Trenton.

The STEM Showcase brought over 20 New Jersey legislators, both Senate and General Assembly, together with students, educators, school, and nonprofits, to celebrate exciting STEM education and workforce development initiatives. The annual event offers policymakers a firsthand look at the high-quality STEM programs shaping the future of the Garden State.

Originally launched as NJ STEM Week, the celebration was expanded to a month-long observance in 2018 through ceremonial legislative resolution and gubernatorial proclamation, with support from Governor Murphy's administration and now-State Senator Andrew Zwicker (District 16). Today, NJ STEM Month honors the achievements and advancements in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics throughout the state, with more than 100 events held annually and a social media campaign using #NJSTEMMonth.

"The State House STEM Showcase is a signature event of New Jersey STEM Month," said Kim Case, Executive Director of the Research & Development Council of New Jersey. "This is where the rubber meets the road and legislators see the actual impact that's been made possible through the marriage of private dollars and funding in the New Jersey state budget."

This year's State House STEM Showcase featured 15 dynamic organizations:

- Bergen Community College STEM Research Center

- Garden State-LSAMP (Rutgers)
- Governor's STEM Scholars
- HSMC STEM Ecosystem
- Jersey Shore STEM Ecosystem (Manalapan High School)
- Mid-Jersey Green STREAM Ecosystem / North Brunswick Township Schools
- Newark STEM Ecosystem
- New Brunswick P-TECH
- Police Activities League of Egg Harbor Township & Atlantic County
- Roxbury High School Aviation Program
- Rutgers University – Departments of 4-H Youth Development and Marine & Coastal Sciences
- South Jersey STEM & STEAM Ecosystem
- STEAM Academy
- STEM Like a Girl
- Students 2 Science

To further celebrate these efforts, NJSPN distributed a **STEM Showcase Booklet** highlighting participating New Jersey STEM Month organizations. A digital version is available at: https://online.flippingbook.com/view/822645880/

Event Photos
Photo 1: Senator Zwicker Speaking to Students from North Bergen School District - STEAM Academy.
Photo 2: Assemblywoman Rosaura Bagolie chats with Brad Schenker from Newark STEM Ecosystem.
Photo 3: Assemblywoman Mitchelle Drulis interacting with STEM Showcase participant Lisa Coster, teacher at Reading Fleming Intermediate School.
Photo 4: Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger with Manalapan High School students.

About the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network

Founded in 2014, the **New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN)** is managed by the Research & Development Council of New Jersey and brings together more than 800 STEM leaders from across sectors including K-12 and higher education, nonprofits, informal learning providers, business, philanthropy, and government. NJSPN leads eight STEM Learning Ecosystems that are part of an international network supported by the STEM Funders Network.

To learn more about NJSPN, New Jersey's STEM Ecosystems, and how to get involved in NJ STEM Month, visit www.njstempathways.org.