

DAN PHELAN ENCOURAGES SMALL & RURAL COLLEGES TO TAP INTO CCPI-STEM

[Jackson College](#) President Dan Phelan says Community College Presidents' Initiative in STEM (CCPI-STEM) lifted his faculty and staff's preparation of an [Advanced Technological Education \(ATE\)](#) grant proposal. CCPI-STEM connected them with other community college educators who taught them how to write a competitive grant proposal, develop an economic impact study, and recruit employers to serve as project partners. "Now, it seems possible. I see a pathway to getting it done," he said of attaining an [Advanced Technological Education](#) grant from the [National Science Foundation](#).

He's urging other small, rural colleges to do the same: "This is your time. This is the time to be able to engage in practices where you can participate no matter how rural you are. No matter how small you are."

Read the full article here: bit.ly/3I4YP64. Email Dan Phelan at info@ccpi-stem.org for more information.

PRESIDENT EMERITUS MASSEY USES CCPI-STEM TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Ed Massey, president emeritus of [Indian River State College](#) and chair of the Southeast Regional Network of CCPI-STEM, sees [Advanced Technological Education \(ATE\)](#) grants as launch pads for regional economic development. He says the National Science Foundation's expectation that community college faculty work in partnership with industry on innovative technician education projects funded with ATE grants can spark new, more proactive interactions with employers. He suggests community college leaders and faculty clearly convey this message to employers: "We are a resource for you for human development training. We are a resource for you for economic development training. Use us. That's what we're here for—to educate students to get high-skill jobs, which lead to sustainable wages."

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE NORTHEAST REGION

CCPI-STEM's first virtual regional meeting of 2023 was held February 22nd, convened by NE Region Chair Dr. Anne Kress, President of Northern Virginia Community College. Using contacts within several state's Community College Associations and State System Offices to get the word out, the meeting attracted 35 attendees from 21 institutions in all six states of the region, as well as West Virginia. At meeting's end the flash poll was overwhelmingly appreciative and interested in learning more about CCPI-STEM and NSF ATE grants. After the meeting two institutions in New Jersey asked to become formally affiliated with CCPI-STEM. It is expected that more responses after a follow-up message sharing the slides and meeting video link.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8, 2023 | 1:00 - 1:45 pm ET

Webcast: Pathways to ATE Grant Success Through Mentoring

RSVP HERE: bit.ly/3y8tcvj

April 21, 2023 | 1:00 - 1:45 pm ET

Webcast: Community College and Industry Partnerships: A Strategic Workforce Collaboration

RSVP HERE: bit.ly/3IRavkR

May 12, 2023 | 1:00 - 1:45 pm ET

Webcast: CCPI-STEM Fellows Program: A Unique Opportunity

RSVP HERE: bit.ly/41GZVW1

CCPI-STEM Leaders will be presenting at:

- [2023 CEO Symposium](#) – March 9-11 in San Diego, CA
- [Innovations Conference](#) – March 11-14 in Tempe, AZ
- [AACC Annual Conference](#) – April, 1-3 in Denver, CO

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