

CCPI-STEM LEADERS REPORT ON PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT AFFINITY MEETING

At CCPI-STEM's Affinity Meeting in October, two dozen stakeholders learned how the ATE project had helped build a community committed to STEM education.

CCPI-STEM Co-Principal Investigators Dr. Charlene Dukes and Dr. Vera Zdravkovich summarized the project accomplishment as:

- 10 regional meetings including meetings in North Carolina and Louisiana in 2025 that set the stage for statewide STEM education collaborations;
- 18 participants in the Fellows program with plans to add five more in spring 2026;
- 17 CCPI-CASTS that increasingly attract larger audiences;
- 5 NSF ATE Instructional Modules that have been developed and placed on CANVAS for free use by individuals and graduate programs;
- 3 Thought Leaders' Dialogues convened in partnership with the League for Innovation in the Community College with reports posted on the project's website.

"We have managed through all these different pieces and parts ... to create that community where people know, hopefully, where to go and the website to which they can try to go and find some answers," Zdravkovich said.

Read the full article here: bit.ly/4a5fXz2

AI IN STEM EDUCATION CCPI-CAST SERIES ADDS MORE EPISODES

To help community college educators deal with the fast-evolving changes generated by artificial intelligence (AI), CCPI-STEM's created a four-part AI in STEM Education series in the fall. Audience interest was so strong that two more AI and workforce-focused webcasts will be offered at 1 p.m. (Eastern) on March 20 and April 17, 2026.

The Thought Leaders' Dialogue on Friday, February 20, 2026, also will focus on AI workforce competencies of community college STEM graduates. This is the fourth Thought Leaders' Dialogue co-hosted by CCPI-STEM and its strategic partner the League for Innovation in the Community College. Visit ccpi-stem.org to register for this virtual event and the CCPI-CASTs.

Read the full article at bit.ly/49UXR1M and visit ccpi-stem.org/publications/ for summaries of three most recent CCPI-CAST episodes on AI in STEM Education. See Presidents Press 15 for detailed information about Episode 17 Using GenAI Responsibly to Develop NSF ATE Grant Proposals.

All CCPI-CASTs — audio, video, and presentation slides — are available at ccpi-stem.org/webcasts-podcasts.

CCPI-STEM FELLOWS GROW PROFESSIONALLY & PROMOTE THE ATE PROGRAM

The CCPI-STEM's [Fellows Program](#) continues to benefit participants, the college communities where Fellows work, and the Advanced Technological Education (ATE) community.

"Fellows distinguish themselves in various ways," Dr. Ashok Agrawal, Coordinator of CCPI-STEM, reported at the CCPI-STEM Affinity Meeting in October. He pointed out that in addition to their full-time job responsibilities Fellows pursue graduate degrees and serve as ambassadors for the ATE program. Since 2022 CCPI-STEM has selected 18 individuals (in three cohorts) to serve as Fellows; five more Fellows will be added in spring 2026.

Agrawal reported that during the past year Fellows gave technical presentations at professional meetings, pep talks to small groups and inspirational speeches during large meetings at their institutions, guided their colleagues in proposal writing, and promoted ATE and STEM programs and careers in their communities.

Read the full article here: bit.ly/3NDx968

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 20, 2026 / 1:00 pm ET
Thought Leaders' Dialogue on AI Workforce Competencies

March 20 / 1:00 pm ET
AI and STEM Education Series - Part 5

April 17 / 1:00 pm ET
AI and STEM Education Series - Part 6

Register at ccpi-stem.org for these upcoming events.

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