

## 5 COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATORS BEGIN CCPI-STEM FELLOWSHIPS

The Community College Presidents' Initiative in STEM (CCPI-STEM) has selected five community college educators to join its Fellows Program.

The new Fellows are

- **Andrew Sokolich**, Associate Dean of Mathematics, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio;
- **Curtis Ivory**, Assistant Professor of Biology, Kilgore College, Kilgore, Texas;
- **Peter Dettmer**, Dean, Manufacturing, Apprenticeship, Technology & Transportation, Blackhawk Technical College, Janesville, Wisconsin;
- **Steven Stallis**, Software Development Instructor, St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, Missouri; and
- **Valorie Piper**, Director of Government Contracts and Procurement, Riverside Community College District, Riverside, California.

Brief biographies of all 23 Fellows and more detailed info about the program are available at <https://www.ccpi-stem.org/ccpi-stem-fellows-program>. Direct questions to Dr. Ashok Agrawal at [Ashok@AgrawalAdvisory.com](mailto:Ashok@AgrawalAdvisory.com).

Read the full article here: <https://bit.ly/4bQOdOv>

## DIALOGUE FRAMES AI AS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP ISSUE

Dr. Rufus Glasper opened CCPI-STEM's Thought Leaders' Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Thought Leadership by framing the use of AI at community colleges as a leadership issue, not a technical issue.

Calling the wave of changes instigated by AI a "windstorm," Glasper cautioned community college leaders against tool-chasing. Instead Glasper, who is President and CEO of [The League for Innovation in the Community College](#), recommended focusing "on three simultaneous priorities: the institution-wide AI strategy, and not just individual pilots; policy frameworks that balance both innovation and responsibility; and thirdly, the risk realism—that understanding [of] what could go wrong."

Dr. Bobby Pace, Provost and Vice President of Academic Success at the [Community College of Aurora](#), explained the tactics leaders of the Colorado community college utilized to promote across-the-board use of AI in ways that foster a "culture of shared knowledge and organizational efficiency." Kelsey Behringer, CEO of [Packback](#), shared three colleges' experiences with AI-related innovations and insights about the policies students and educators have told her they would like to guide their use of AI.

Read the full article here: <https://bit.ly/40ZQJ7T>

## NEW NORTHWEST REGION: NEWSLETTER & VIRTUAL MEETING

Dr. Kathi Hiyane-Brown, CCPI-STEM Northwest Regional Network Chair, used her region's first newsletter to invite community college presidents in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington to become engaged in the Community College Presidents' Initiative (CCPI-STEM) and connect with Advanced Technological Education projects and centers in the region.

"CCPI-STEM continues to play an important role in strengthening STEM workforce education nationwide, and I appreciate the opportunity to connect with you as part of this collaborative effort," she wrote in the newsletter.

Hiyane-Brown and Dr. Heidi Ypma, the Northwest Regional Coordinator, will host a virtual event on a topic raised by the community college administrators who responded to a survey question embedded in the newsletter.

For more information contact [northwest@ccpi-stem.org](mailto:northwest@ccpi-stem.org)

Read the full article here: <https://bit.ly/41286x4>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 20 / 1:00 pm ET**

AI and STEM Education Series - Part 5  
*How Community Colleges Prepare Workforce-ready Graduates with AI Competencies*

**April 17 / 1:00 pm ET**

AI and STEM Education Series - Part 6

RSVP available at [ccpi-stem.org](https://www.ccpi-stem.org)

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