

## CCPI-STEM SELECTS 5 NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATORS AS FELLOWS

The Community College Presidents' Initiative in 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;
- **Valorie Piper**, Director of Government Contracts and Procurement, Riverside Community College District, Riverside, California.

The Fellows Program is one of several CCPI-STEM initiatives that aim to strengthen community college faculty and administrators and nurture their leadership skills while growing and improving the STEM technician workforce.

The CCPI-STEM Fellows Program has grown to a total of 23 Fellows. Brief biographies of the Fellows and more detailed information about the Fellows Program are available at <https://www.ccpi-stem.org/ccpi-stem-fellows-program/>

All CCPI-STEM Fellows are pursuing graduate degrees and conducting research related to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) education and workforce development at community colleges. In addition to their graduate studies and research, the Fellows are expected to participate in professional development and mentoring activities to prepare them for future STEM leadership roles in community colleges.

The CCPI-STEM Fellows Program is open to individuals who are pursuing or beginning to pursue graduate degrees and conducting research related to STEM education and workforce development in community colleges. The criteria used to evaluate the applicants consider educational background, STEM-related experience, leadership potential, STEM leadership potential, STEM community engagement, and the focus of their proposed research.

The U.S. National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education Program funds the CCPI-STEM Fellows Program. The program provides each selected Fellow an honorarium of \$5,000 annually for up to two years. Support in the second year is contingent on funding and on Fellows making satisfactory progress during the first year.

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