

AFFINITY MEETING HELPS CCPI-STEM BUILD FOR NEXT PHASE OF PROJECT

The 36 people at the [CCPI-STEM](#) Affinity Meeting on October 25 met the CCPI-STEM leaders and got an advance look at the CCPI-STEM curriculum modules.

Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes, CCPI-STEM co-principal investigator, led the opening discussion where attendees explained their interest in CCPI-STEM and shared their expectations for the ATE Principal Investigators' Conference. The modules were presented by Shane Kirby, the CCPI-STEM associate curriculum developer who is director of Advancement Partnerships at [Columbus State Community College](#), and Elizabeth Hawthorne, principal investigator of [Fortifying Cybersecurity and Computing Education through ATE Grants \(FORCCE-ATE\)](#) and co-principal investigator of CCPI-STEM.

Their presentation was followed by a robust panel discussion about the challenges of building a supportive grantsmanship culture at community colleges. The panelists were Dr. Ed Massey and Dr. Jennifer Wimbish, retired community colleges presidents who are CCPI-STEM regional network chairs; Koushik Venkataraman, director of Workforce Development at Texas Instruments; and Flave Stump, the environment, health, and safety manager and training coordinator at Technique Inc. and a manufacturing instructor at Northwest High School in Michigan.

Read the full article here: <https://bit.ly/3Ty35K1>

"KEEP TRYING" IS ADVICE TO SMALL & RURAL COLLEGES

Persevering despite challenges and being open to learning from other community colleges' experiences with Advanced Technological Education grants are key strategies that three rural community college leaders shared during the CCPI-STEM webinar on [Building Institutional Grant Capacity at Small and Rural Colleges](#).

"These grants can definitely be transformational to your institution, and help put things in place that can be sustainable for many, many years down the road," said Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, president of [East Mississippi Community College](#).

Dr. Alisa Carter, dean of STEM Pathways at [Hill College](#) in Texas, shared that the college's first attempt at preparing an ATE grant proposal fell short due to internal processes. But, she said, the team working on the proposal continues to talk and the initial grant preparation spurred three other grant proposals.

Read the full article here: <https://bit.ly/3RL2ouo>

DR. FRANK CHONG USES BOTTOM-UP, TOP-DOWN APPROACH TO BUILD CAPACITY FOR ATE GRANTS

Since retiring in July as the president and superintendent of [Santa Rosa Junior College](#) in California, Dr. Frank Chong, president emeritus, has been talking about [Advanced Technological Education](#) grants with community college leaders in Northern California, Hawaii and the other Pacific Islands as chair of [CCPI-STEM's](#) Pacific Regional Network.

Chong sees the lack of institutional capacity as the biggest impediment to submitting ATE grant proposals. For this reason he directs people to the ATE mentoring programs that are "trying to level the playing field by making these grant opportunities more user friendly and more accessible."

Read the full article here: <https://bit.ly/3toTLOw>

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 26, 2024 | 1:00 pm ET

Webcast: NSF ATE Grant Success Through Mentoring

RSVP HERE: <https://bit.ly/48kAHPC>

February 9, 2024 | 12:00 - 1:30 pm EST

CCPI-STEM Second Thought Leaders Dialogue

RSVP HERE: <https://bit.ly/3GOM5YD>

April 1, 2024

FORCCE-ATE Mentee Application Deadline

LEARN MORE HERE: <https://bit.ly/4a6hPpy>

Watch for more CCPI Webcasts in the spring!

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