

DR. PAMELA LUSTER URGES PRESIDENTS TO “JUMP IN” TO ATE PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

“Jump in!” is Dr. Pamela Luster’s advice to presidents whose institutions have not previously had [Advanced Technological Education \(ATE\)](#) grants from the [National Science Foundation](#).

Luster, who is president emerita of [San Diego Mesa College](#), utilizes her relationships and connections among community colleges and their leaders in her role as the chair of CCPI-STEM’s Southwest Pacific Regional Network. To spark faculty interest in developing ATE grant proposals, Luster suggests presidents begin by meeting with the curricular leaders in every discipline covered by the ATE program: “Use already established processes, like program review and institutional effectiveness data, to guide the discussions around how to create effective grant submissions. Additionally, industry advisory boards are key in providing knowledge and capital support in terms of guiding new curriculum and practices.”

Read the full article here: <https://bit.ly/402xQJl>

AFFINITY GROUP PANEL OFFERS SUGGESTIONS FOR SUSTAINING COLLEGE-INDUSTRY RELATIONSHIPS

The 29 people who attended the CCPI-STEM Stakeholders Affinity Group Meeting on October 23 in Washington, D.C., were treated to an overview of the project’s modules (Read the full article here: <https://bit.ly/3DGjXDX>) and a lively discussion about how community colleges can improve their relationships with industry. (Read the full article here: <https://bit.ly/4gFh8pN>)

All of the attendees had a direct connection to the project except two businessmen: Tan Moorthy, board member and chief operating officer of [Revature](#); and Mark A. Lawrence, founder and managing partner of [Inncuvate](#).

During a panel discussion on workforce development Lawrence said colleges’ relationships with employers have to be beyond transactional, and strategic plans must align with resources. Although it may be challenging to maintain connections with partners beyond an annual check-in, he said continual conversations are necessary.

Dr. Jennifer Wimbush, Southwest Region chair, shared that a Michigan college built effective partnerships with industry after the president assigned faculty to work with particular industries. “It’s about serving the community and working as a unit,” she said. Moorthy suggested colleges create a “win-win” for all stakeholders. “I think it’s about engaging all stakeholders all the time. What that means is you’ve got to have faculty, industry, students, alumni, and chamber of commerce representation in your meetings. And have that meeting at least once a quarter, not when there’s a transaction to be done,” he said.

Dr. Edwin R. Massey, Southeast Region chair said, “What we’re talking about here is culture. You have to invest in the culture of your institution ... It’s hard work, but it will pay off.”

5 CCPI-STEM MODULES AVAILABLE

CCPI-STEM Modules are designed to familiarize aspiring community college leaders with the concepts involved in developing and executing National Science Foundation grants. The current module topics include an Overview for Leadership in Community College Grants, Grant Strategy, NSF ATE Grants, Partnerships, and The Grant Lifecycle and Tactical Deployment.

“We’ve been continually updating and making changes to them,” said Shane Kirby, module developer and the director of Advancement Partnership for [Columbus State Community College](#).

The Canvas modules are free and available upon request from Dr. Elizabeth Hawthorne, CCPI-STEM co-principal investigator, at ekhawthorne@gmail.com. Kirby and Hawthorne asked module users to send them feedback.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23, 2025 / 1:00 pm ET
Thought Leaders’ Dialogue

February 21, 2025 / 1:00 pm ET
Webcast: A Model Program for Enhancing Community College Student Employability
RSVP HERE: <https://bit.ly/3OYgiwa>

March 21, 2025 / 1:00 pm ET
Webcast: Community College and Industry Partnerships: Models that Work
RSVP HERE: <https://bit.ly/4iRD42K>

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