GREATER NEWARK STEM ECOSYSTEM

Connecting Classroom to Career
Post Workshop Survey Results

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Building Possibilities by Changing Minds

Workshop Topic
The topic for this ½ day conference, held at UCNJ, was as follows: Nearly 60% of employers report difficulty finding candidates with the necessary soft/essential skills increasingly vital in a rapidly evolving, tech-driven economy. How can the education and business sectors collaborate to deliver more graduates with the STEM and core skills needed for the workforce?

Continuing Ed Credit
NJIT's CLEAR Program provided 3.0 CEU

Certificate of Attendance
This document hereby certifies that
Vincent Nguyen
Science Park High School
participated in the
"Classroom to Career: Workshop at UCNJ"
held on Thursday, November 11, 2025

Attendees: 20 45% response rate
Responder Representation
- K-12 & High Schools
- Universities
- Non-Profit/Community Organizations
- Museum/Science Center
- 33% were part of decision-making in their org
- 22% were 1st time GNSE event attendees

Event Rating 1-5, (5 being Highly Satisfied)	Rating Avg / % 5-star
Enjoyed the workshop format	4.56 / 66.7%
Event satisfaction vs. expectation	4.56 / 66.7%
Value of in-person collaboration	4.67 / 77.8%
Satisfied with venue	4.44 / 55.6%
Future participation likelihood	4.44 / 88.9%

Feedback Summary

What were your most valuable takeaways from the day?
- **Networking and Partnerships:** Connecting with program leaders; generating new funding and partnership ideas
- **Programmatic Insights:** Info on STEM Pathways, Spark Talks, and AS degree
- **Discussion and Learning:** Small group time to learn more and share thoughts
- **Event Participation Value:** The importance of participating in events like this

Requested topics to cover at future Greater Newark STEM events or meetings?
- **Program Development and Implementation:** Implementation of new programs with more opportunities to put ideas into action.
- **Workforce and Career Connection:** How curriculum connects to the workforce and the best practices for approaching companies
- **Elementary Level Engagement:** Elementary level programs and strategies to peak curiosity, grow awareness teachers and students.

This survey results summary was written by Brad Schenker, Co-lead and Coordinator of the STEM Learning Ecosystem, and a Partnership & Innovation Consultant