SPOTLIGHT ON... HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Robin Avant is the Academic Dean at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She has had a whirlwind entry into the world of the Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway. After attending an informational workshop at the STEM Leadership Alliance National Convening at the beginning of July, she brought the idea of becoming a Provider to her leadership team. They fully supported her involvement, and she attended a Pathway Provider Training Institute in early August.

Housatonic Community College has been focused on STEM/STEAM initiatives since 2015 and are connected directly to K-12 schools, the community, and the workforce around Bridgeport. It felt as though becoming a Provider would enable the college to strategically deliver STEM education and support to other entities who practice STEM in the area.

Already, Robin has begun marketing efforts in earnest to recruit Partners. Flyers, social media advertisements, and press releases are already created. Additionally, a partnership with the Greater Bridgeport STEM Ecosystem will help build and train the Partners.

"I am excited to become the first Provider in the State of CT. I am looking forward to sharing ideas, building intentional connections, and making STEM accessible to all. I look forward to reviewing the implementation plans of our Partners and helping organizations achieve their Action Plans."

- Robin Avant

Would you like to share a success story? Please contact Toni Stith directly, StithT@CarnegieScienceCenter.org or click the link below!
http://stemisphere.carnegiesciencecenter.org/pathway
**NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

The Tier 2 Provider Training is a new opportunity available only to current, active Providers to increase the scope of your work with Partners.

This training will provide you with three high-impact STEM workshops that are tied directly to the Pathway’s most-chosen priority areas.

- Inquiry-based Education
- Project-based Learning
- Tech Exploration

Upon completion, you will have three pre-built workshops ready to deliver to Partners who need assistance in these areas.

The dates for these workshops are below. Contact Toni Stith if you are interested in attending these trainings.

October 10-11, 2019
January 16-17, 2020
April 22-23, 2020
June 3-4, 2020

**THINGS TO REMEMBER!**

Please update the Portal calendar with your workshop dates so we can deliver your survey results and maintain accurate records. After the workshop, please edit the number of attendees in the calendar for accurate tracking. If you need assistance, contact Ian Zang to get a tutorial.

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Before you present your workshops, make sure to update the powerpoint with the Data Impact Map which is updated monthly in the Marketing Materials on the Portal.

**PATHWAY HEATMAP**

Generic heatmaps are available to you on the Materials tab of the Portal. If you would like a localized heatmap of your area’s Partners to support your work, please reach out to Ian Zang with a specific request. Please note that we sort by zipcode, and heatmaps will reflect participation through that data.

**IMPORTANT AGREEMENT UPDATE**

There has been some confusion around our new policy for Provider coverage. Everyone’s new agreements define specific counties (or in Pennsylvania, Intermediate Unit areas) that they are allowed to work with Partners.

This change allows us to prevent overlap between Provider organizations moving forward. If you would like to work with a school/district Partner outside your defined area, simply contact Toni Stith. As long as the Partner is not supported by another Provider, approval will be granted.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 17, 2019 @ 11:00am ET/8:00am PT
Webinar Focus: Partner Badging and Revenue Models Share-out (Login information available on the Portal)

October 8-9, 2019
January 14-15, 2020
April 20-21, 2020

Pathway Provider Training Institutes at Carnegie Science Center
https://tinyurl.com/CSC-Training-Institute