



STEM WORKFORCE Lebanon County STEM Workforce Summit August 9th, 2022

Lebanon Valley College, an ENGINE of Central PA partner, hosted a STEM workforce development connector summit on Tuesday, August 9th. The summit brought together nearly **120 stakeholders** from **over 68 different organizations** that all play an important role in cradle through career STEM workforce development. The summit hashtag epitomized the feeling of the day, #FurtherTogether.

Thanks to generous sponsorship, the event provided a complimentary lunch and three powerful keynote speakers, Sherri McCleary from Penn State's Digital Foundry, Dr. Demetrius Roberts, STEM Consultant for the Pa Department of Education, and David Walker, lead mentor for the award-winning Krypton Cougars First Robotics Team 2539. The keynotes were themed around the critical importance of a STEM ready workforce and how a village approach is needed to create that workforce.

Other notable presentations included sectors such as industry, k-12 education, post-secondary education, informal education, government, and support services. The summit then moved to four connector rounds where cross-sector stakeholders could strategize solutions to STEM workforce challenges in Lebanon County.