

## INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

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**Presentation Title: Bridging Classrooms to Careers: How SummerSTEM Transforms Teaching Through Industry Immersion**

SummerSTEM is a powerful professional development experience that immerses K–12 educators in hands-on STEM learning through industry partnerships. Teachers explore high-demand careers, connect with STEM professionals, and design real-world project-based learning (PBL) units to bring authentic, career-connected learning into their classrooms. This session highlights how SummerSTEM builds collaboration between educators and businesses, equips teachers with instructional tools aligned to the National Teacher Leader Model Standards, and increases student engagement. Attendees will leave with practical strategies to integrate industry experiences into their curriculum and inspire students to become future innovators, problem-solvers and leaders in STEM fields.

**Presentation Target:**

All Audiences

**Presenter(s):**

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