



2022 SJSI TEACHER TESTIMONIALS

“Wow! This is a game-changer in the world of Professional Development! The program FAR exceeded my (already high) expectations. I am genuinely grateful for this experience”.

Cynthia Norton
Gateway Regional High School

“This program was more than I ever expected. I am forever changed as an educator and mentor having participated in this program”.

Michael Rodgers
Howard M. Phifer Middle School

“What stands out to me from my experience as an educator in the Summer Institute was passion and commitment. The passion evident from the participating business entities for their respective companies was very impressive and inspiring. I have such an improved knowledge of the employment opportunities in South Jersey and look forward to sharing this knowledge with my students. Further, the commitment to the program and its success from the Chamber members transferred to me as a participant in the program and made me feel valued and to do my part to support the continued success of the program”.

Felicitas Ross
Kingsway Regional High School

“The Summer Institute was an amazing experience. Being a black educator at a very diverse school district of Deptford Township, I went into this looking for opportunities for all of my students to thrive. I have made connections with some of the best minds and businesses in the South Jersey area that have showed me there is a way for my students, who may not want to go to college, to get good paying, meaningful jobs that help the community. This program and what I have learned will help me to go back and encourage my students to mature into well-rounded human beings”.

Stephen Hart
Deptford Township Middle School

“The South Jersey Summer Institute for Educators provides an invaluable opportunity to elevate educators to become current in magnificent industry resource fullness. This program maximizes facilitators’ business savviness in exploring career options by providing us a hands-on business “internship”. Thank you!

Patricia Benavides
Thomas Dudley Family School

“The Summer Institute has been informative and beneficial for me as an educator. I had no idea of the depth and diversity that existed in the South Jersey business community, and I am excited to share the information with my students”.

Amy Bria
Paulsboro High School

“The South Jersey Chamber Foundation hosted and facilitated an eye-opening experience. It is great to have industry expectations to use in the classroom”.

James Gliem
Gateway Regional High School

“The Summer Institute for Educators is not an experience I will forget. I have learned so much about local businesses and what jobs they offer. I have also learned how to take aspects of the businesses and apply them to my lessons to make my lessons relatable. This was an incredible adventure.”

Amanda Barbagallo
Kingsway Regional Middle School

“I have learned so much about South Jersey in just three weeks! I am so amazed how I feel much closer and connected to my community. I am so grateful”.

Leah Waring
Gateway Regional High School

“What an amazing experience. So many wonderful people who cared enough about us and the students we reach. Very inspiring for myself and for how I can reach my students. Thank you for letting me have this experience!”

Jennifer Heller
Rosa International Middle School

“The Summer Institute has been the best professional development experience that I have ever had the honor to participate in. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I encourage everyone to apply”.

Megan Chimenti
Bancroft School