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New Jersey CSPDWeek

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CSTANJ CSPD **Week 2026**

Closing Ceremony: Celebrating AI and CS Innovation

AUGUST 3 – 6, 2026

Kickoff @ TCNJ

Monday's gathering sparked a week of incredible fellowship.

-  **A Community for All Levels:** Intro for novices and skill updates for veteran CS educators.
-  **Networking & Fellowship:** Making new friends and sharing classroom-ready resources.
-  **Fostering Relationships:** Starting connections that will grow all school year long.



Monday **August 3rd** Highlights



Opening Session

Driving the future of CS:
Equipping NJ teachers to
bring safe, innovative AI
learning to our student
communities.



Focused Discussions

Sessions on AI in the
Classroom, Cybersecurity,
Computer Science,
Physical Computing and
Free CS Resources.



Grade Band and Subject Meetups

Collaborative support groups
for PreK-2, 3-5, 6-8, and High
School educators to share
resources and strategies.

Tuesday – Thursday

A deep dive into **Artificial Intelligence**



Storytelling & Technology

Exploring how storytelling and AI merge



AI Literacy

Integrating AI Literacy into subject area content.



Physical Computing

Hands-on Physical Computing during in-person sessions on Wednesday at the TCNJ, SRI&ETTC, and Stevens Institute of Technology



Empowering **Early Learners**

Storytelling as a CS Entry Point

Many of our sessions focused on connecting ELA and CS authentically. By using books and storytelling, we guided our youngest students to apply new cognitive skills across domains, fostering an early love for innovation.

Key Takeaway: AI literacy starts with curious conversations and inclusive resources.



Our Collective Impact

300+

NJ Educators

- \$ **\$11M NSF Investment:** Expanding AI professional development nationwide.
- ✓ **Standards-Ready:** Equipping teachers to adopt CSTA and New Jersey's CS standards.
- 🏆 **\$900 Stipend:** Recognition for your commitment to intensive summer learning.

Sharing & Growing Together



*"The best resources weren't just on the slides—
they were the people sitting next to you."*

From the Zoom chat messages, to real conversations and shared ideas, our collaborative spirit is our greatest asset.

In Their Own Words

Thank you for an incredible week of learning! The experience exceeded my expectations, and I'm excited to bring so many new tools, platforms, and ideas back to my students. I especially appreciated the opportunities to collaborate and network with fellow educators.



Sharing & Growing Together

I greatly appreciate this opportunity, this was my 1st year and I am excited to return next year. I am going to join the monthly chapter meetings. Best experience this summer.



Beyond Summer

Fostering new relationships and continuing our learning journey throughout the school year.

The Road Ahead



School Year PD: In-person and virtual sessions to dive deeper into AI and Computer Science.



CSTANJ Chapter Meetings: Attend a virtual meeting (every six weeks during the school year).



Facebook and Google Groups: Stay connected and informed about upcoming events and resources for all teachers.



Mentorship: Connecting veterans with newcomers to sustain New Jersey's CS excellence.

*Computer Science is the foundation
for understanding AI, empowering us
to lead with confidence.*



Dr. Abigail Joseph
Chair
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Keynote Speaker



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Action Items

Event Feedback Survey

Complete the feedback surveys for each session attended and the end of event survey.

Post Conference Survey

Sent by redcap.services@vumc.org for end of conference follow-up.

Fall & Spring Survey

Follow-up surveys sent by redcap.services@vumc.org during the school year.

Stipend Process

CSTA will request a W9 form. After survey receipt and attendance verification. Checks will be sent by late November.

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Questions?

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