



## 2023 Teacher Testimonials

“The Summer Institute is a wealth of knowledge. Throughout a three-week span you will cultivate relationships with leaders, learn about South Jersey’s rich history, and educate students about the skills it takes to thrive beyond the classroom.”

***Samantha Regina***  
***Walter Hill School***

“First of all, I want to say Thank You! This program was well-organized, detail-oriented, business focus-driven and gratifying. It was an amazing experience that left me in awe. I have been an educator for 29 years and had a great experience with being exposed to the corporate business world. Wow! How beneficial for educators. I learned that by partnering education and corporate businesses, it can be a power tool to produce successful 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. This is a great benefit for students. I am very grateful to have had this opportunity.”

***Jacquelyne Robinson-Hall***  
***Paulsboro Jr./Sr. High School***

“This experience was eye-opening. We got a behind the scenes look at local industry and our end goal as teachers of where our students can, should and will go in the future.”

***Erin Maines***  
***Millville High School***

“Attending the Summer Institute has reenergized me to go into the classroom and share the amazing opportunities my students have in South Jersey. I learned about so many new aspects of industry, skills that are needed, and made new connections which will forever change the way I teach.”

***Chelsi Crompton***  
***Eugene A. Tighe Middle School***

“If you would like to witness how companies operate and what they expect the future workforce to look like, you must join this program. It is a once in a lifetime experience.”

**Hannah Do**  
**Overbrook High School**

“I never knew the vast opportunities, businesses and industries that exist in South Jersey. I was introduced to leaders that are changing the world. Leaders that live and work in our neighborhoods. The South Jersey Summer Institute for Educators inspired me to better prepare my students for the incredibly vast workforce opportunities in South Jersey.”

**Stephen J. Herman**  
**Wilbur Watts Intermediate School**

“The Summer Institute created a renewed drive to enter the classroom and share the wealth of diversity that local business offer in both college and career opportunities.”

**Denise Opal**  
**Eastside High School**

“The Summer Institute is so much more than a PD. It is inspiring, engaging, and relatable to students of all ages, races, gender, faith, and ability. I would do it every year if I could. It is necessary!

**Nicole Reaves-Marshina**  
**Cumberland Regional High School**

“This experience was fulfilling as an educator because we got to see the heart of business in South Jersey by visiting sites and experiencing first-hand what it is like in the business world.”

**Derek Clarke**  
**Millville High School**

“Extraordinary experience! Like a paid vacation right here in South Jersey. Informative, relevant and reenergizing! I feel better equipped and excited to teach next year!

**Amanda Leonard**  
**Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School**

“I feel reenergized by the respect afforded to educators by the local business community. Connecting educators and industry opens doors for students in an equitable and inclusive way.”

**Jocelyn Auerbach Klein, Esq.**  
**Cherry Hill High School West**

“This was a phenomenal program that allowed me to understand the economic impact South Jersey businesses have and how students can truly find family sustaining careers/employment in their own backyards.”

***Raquel J. Page***  
***Bordentown Regional High School***

“The SJ Summer Institute was an amazing experience that has inspired me to continue to thrive as an educator with excellence as we prepare the next generation of servant leaders.”

***Kamitra Winborne***  
***Atlantic City High School***

“The Summer Institute is the model of what professional development should be for educators...wide ranging, useful, relevant, and applicable for our students in an ever-changing economy.”

***Jeremy Edwards***  
***Folsom Elementary School***

“What an astounding approach to bridging the gap between our students and the next generation ow workforce. Incomparable experience as a veteran educator!”

***Emily Dawson***  
***Bancroft School***