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2026 VISIONARY AWARDS

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Mr. John Casner

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VISIONARY HONORS PRESENTATION

Ms. Kimberly Watts
DEVCOM U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command

2026 VISIONARY OF THE YEAR

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2025 Visionary of the Year

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Award Criteria

NMTC Visionary Awards for STEM Education & Technology and Innovation Advancement

VISIONARY Award — Long-term significant contributions to community well-being displayed as a personal commitment to building the STEM-educated workforce and advancing our innovation and technology base with demonstrates qualities of enlightened leadership.

LEADER Award — Consistent contribution to building the STEM-educated workforce and advancing our innovation and technology base in a public way that inspires others to help in accomplishing shared goals. These individuals solve enterprise-wide issues, create practical solutions, and engage others.

INNOVATOR Award — Exceptional personal efforts that measurably benefit the development of the STEM-educated workforce and advance our innovation and technology base. These individuals show potential for a broad positive impact in the community to revolutionize an industry, way of life, or organization.

MENTOR Award — Consistent track record of going above and beyond to volunteer knowledge, experiences, and wisdom. These individuals inspire students and teachers' greatness or guide a team's resources to implement an innovative technology-based solution with outstanding results for the sponsoring organization.

RISING STAR Award — Boldly demonstrates the potential to be a long-term contributor to building the STEM-educated workforce or have created a pioneering innovation or application for an existing technology by starting a company or establishing a breakthrough within a larger organization.

NEXTGEN Award — Honors exceptional high school students who demonstrate passion, curiosity, and leadership in STEM. This individual actively contributes to advancing innovation through school, community, or independent initiatives and serves as an inspiration to peers

2026 VISIONARY AWARDEES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

John Casner

VISIONARY

Kimberly A. Watts
DEVCOM U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command

LEADER

Kimberly D. Justus – Susquehanna Workforce Network
Rob Limpert – iCEV
Phil Rogofsky – Maryland STEM Festival Inc
Tamera Rush – Tenax Technologies

INNOVATOR

Thomas Keller III – Cecil College
Nick Lattanzi – Elite Edge Partners LLC
Bharat Patel – Accenture Federal

MENTOR

Melissa Dethlefsen – Harford County Public Schools Central Office
Corey Geho – APGFCU Education
Keisha Nandalal – Harford Community College
Jill L. Peregino – Harford Community College
Tim Pistel – Harford County Public Schools Aberdeen High School
Dr. Shomari Zachary – Harford County Public Schools

RISING STAR

Gabrielle Whitworth – CHOSEN Community Development Corporation

NEXTGEN

Grace Buxton – Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School
Meghan Greimel – Harford County Public Schools Student
Christopher Peterson – Student

WE ARE NMTC

The Northeastern Maryland Technology Council (NMTC) is the technology and innovation advocacy platform of Northeastern Maryland. We help advance technology adoption by expertly defining the rewards and risks of emerging technologies. We provide expert opinions on how these technologies might affect the revenue, talent, and technology pipelines of our council members and our region.

NMTC members build business connections with community leaders from industry, academia, and government, representing billions of dollars in purchasing power, influence, and connections that stretch beyond this region.

NMTC provides the leadership and unifying voice that stimulates technological change, drives innovation, and encourages technically skilled workforce development. We facilitate collaboration on issues that influence regional economic growth and support the security of our country.

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Benefits of Membership

Our members participate in, support, sponsor, and take advantage of the many informative and networking opportunities provided through following programs and special events:

- **iDisruptor Tech Talks** alert you to emerging, tipping-point technologies' many risks and rewards. These in-depth panel discussions are organized, facilitated collaborations between NMTC members, technology leaders, the US Army Research Lab, and other subject matter experts. iDisruptor Tech Talks feature expert speakers updating you on how to harness game-changing, emerging technologies, the people and culture most effective to guide it, and the rewards and risks relative to your current business model. Always informative, always thought-provoking. Followed by a member-sponsored, catered happy hour (When not virtual).
- **Technology Leader Talks** bring together a roundtable ensemble of community leaders, guided by a central moderator, where they discuss and debate the hot topics and concerns of the day about emerging and complex technologies, innovation, workforce, and organization cultures and offer their opinions in an informative, encouraging, and entertaining way.
- **Visionary Awards and Academy of Visionary Awards** honor those who build our STEM-educated workforce and create or advance technology to new economic growth heights. Once celebrated, they are inducted into the Academy of Visionary Awards and invited to further share their valued experience and knowledge with the community, contributing to our STEM-based economy's growth and recommending the following year's Visionary Awards nominees. This evening event, 5:30-8:00 PM, is held in February.
- **World of Wine**. Its acronym, WOW, aptly describes the experience when hundreds in the community gather to enjoy the dozens of select wines, bourbons and selected Scotch poured by your friends complemented by one of the area's renowned caterers. At La Banque at the Seaplane Base, Havre de Grace.
- **Find your Talent.** Empowers members to play an active role in shaping the region's emerging workforce. By providing meaningful STEM exposure, mentorship, internships, and career connected learning opportunities, members directly influence and inspire the next generation of leaders and innovators while cultivating early interest in career pathways aligned with their own industries.

Discover MORE by scanning the QR code:

NMTC: Where members collaborate, key connections thrive, and opportunity expands!

NMTC is Maryland's fastest-growing technology council. With more than 100 members, advocates, and supporters. NMTC provides access to leaders from technology, industry, academia, and government throughout Harford and Cecil Counties.

Established in 1991 and starting programs in 1992, and for 30+ years, NMTC programming continues to connect companies, organizations, and members to peers and influential decision makers through organized networking events, disruptive technology talks, workforce summits, and idea-inspiring collaborative initiatives. Connections made through NMTC accelerate economic growth, build the STEM-educated workforce, and protect national security.

NMTC - Driving technology and innovation in Maryland.

NMTC PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

- World of Wine
- Visionary Awards Gala
- iDisruptor Tech Talks
- Technology Leader Talks
- Find Your Talent

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT - John W. Casner

A Transformational Leader at a Pivotal Time

John Casner joined NMTC at a key time. Upon his arrival, Aberdeen Proving Ground experienced tremendous growth, absorbing the merger with Fort Monmouth's high-tech R&D commands. This transition created both the need and the opportunity for Northeastern Maryland to expand its pool of STEM-educated professionals.

Dedication Over Two Decades

Since that pivotal moment twenty years ago, John has consistently led and championed NMTC's mission. He served 17 years as Executive Director, retiring in 2023, and has continued to support his successors for the past three years whenever needed.

Defining "Never Leave Well Enough Alone"

John's motto, "never leave well enough alone," defines his approach to life and work. He is a person of many achievements: a multiple-degree holder in engineering and marketing, an inventor with several patents in sewing machines an innovator in power tools, and a builder of multiple successful careers across industrial, consumer, technology, and non-profit sectors.

A Builder of Programs and Community

At NMTC, John played an instrumental role in initiating, leading, advising, and supporting a variety of impactful programs and events. His contributions include the Senior Science Society at Harford Community College, the Technology Needs Teens early STEM mentoring program, and STEM Nights & Beyond, which sparked excitement for STEM careers among 4th- and 5th-graders for 5 years. He also helped establish the Science Café and numerous career-boosting initiatives, including the University Research Park, "See You After Hours" (the C'YAH), the Growing Business Roundtable, the Inventor's Workshop, Shark Tank Susquehanna, and the ongoing iDisrupter series.

Beyond program development, John brought the broader community together through signature events like Golf 4 STEM, World Of Wine (WOW), and, notably, the Visionary Awards—his proudest achievement. To date, the Visionary Awards have honored over 200 colleagues, neighbors, and friends who have contributed to making the community technology-strong in today's competitive global marketplace and in defense of our country. John's unwavering commitment ensured that he truly never left well enough alone.

VISIONARY - Kimberly A. Watts

Kimberly Watts has worked for the US Army for more than 30 years as an environmental and acquisition professional, with a career-long focus on keeping the soldier and the environment safe. She began her career as a chemist with the Army Environmental Command, where she managed the Army's Sustainable Range Program. In that role she supported the Army's training community by developing and testing range design features that protected both the soldiers and the environment.

In 2010, she transitioned to the Research, Development, and Engineering Command, now known as the Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM). In her current role, Kimberly serves as the Program Director for the Safer Alternatives for Readiness (SAFR) Program and the Corrosion Prevention Control (CPC) Program. She also serves as the program manager for Human Systems Integration.

LEADER - Kimberly D. Justus

Kimberly Justus, CWDP, GCDF, is the Executive Director of the Susquehanna Workforce Network (SWN). She began her tenure with SWN in 2012, contributing to the BRAC response initiative. Kim holds certifications as a Resume Writer, Workforce Development Professional, and Global Career Development Facilitator, showcasing her deep expertise in the field.

She earned her Bachelor's in Mathematics and Economics from Temple University in Philadelphia. Before joining SWN, Kim's career was centered around education, influenced by her experiences as an Army wife, which necessitated frequent relocations. She has taught high school mathematics and managed the Math and Science Tutoring Center at Northern Virginia Community College's Woodbridge Campus.

LEADER - Rob Limpert

Rob Limpert joined the iCEV team in January 2025, bringing over three decades of expertise in workforce development and educational leadership. He previously served as the Director of Workforce Development for Harford Community College and retired from Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) in 2023 after 30 years of dedicated service.

During his nearly 10-year tenure as the Supervisor of Magnet and Career and Technical Education (CTE) for HCPS, Rob oversaw programs serving over 7,000 students. His leadership was instrumental in managing high-profile programs such as the Science and Math Academy, P-TECH, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. He also spearheaded the expansion of Project Lead the Way (PLTW), Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), development of the Harford Youth Workforce Investment Program (HYWI) and Youth Apprenticeships Programs under the Maryland Blueprint for Schools.

A former teacher, coach, and assistant principal, Rob is a recognized leader in his field, currently serving as the Past- President of the Maryland Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). He holds Master's degrees in Counseling (Loyola University Maryland) and School Administration (Towson University), alongside a dual Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering and Technology Education.

LEADER - Phil Rogofsky

Phil Rogofsky founded the Maryland STEM Festival in 2015. The Festival grew out of the Howard County (HoCo) STEM Festival, which was held at Howard Community College and was itself inspired by a 2010 visit Phil and his son, Noah, made to the USA Science and Engineering Festival in Washington, D.C. What began as a local initiative has since expanded into a statewide celebration of STEM.

Today, the Maryland STEM Festival takes place across the State of Maryland to ensure that students in every region have access to meaningful STEM opportunities. The Festival inspires students to pursue STEM pathways, educates adults about the importance of STEM, and creates engaging, hands-on experiences for families throughout Maryland. Drawing more than 30,000 participants annually, it is the largest STEM event in Maryland and one of only a few statewide festivals of its kind in the country. Phil, the Festival's sole employee, successfully guided the organization through the challenges of COVID-19, when many similar events were unable to continue. The twelfth Maryland STEM Festival will run from October 16 through November 15, 2026, with the theme "Artificial Intelligence."

Before founding the Festival, Phil worked as an IT auditor for the federal government. Born in New York City and raised in Bowie, Maryland, he attended Prince George's Community College, the University of Maryland, College Park, and Bowie State University. He lives in Columbia with his wife, Jennifer, along with their two cats and one turtle. His son, Noah, graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County last year and now works as an Assistant Project Manager for a local construction company. His daughter, Shayna, is pursuing her master's degree in social work and nonprofit organizations at Case Western Reserve University. In his spare time, Phil enjoys reading, spending time with family and friends, and attempting to learn pickleball.

LEADER - Tamera Rush

Tamera Rush is the Founder and CEO of TENAX Technologies. Since establishing the company in 2014, Ms. Rush has been dedicated to building a strong organizational culture focused on attracting top talent, fostering professional growth, and retaining exceptional employees.

Throughout her career, Ms. Rush has served as Principal Investigator on numerous large-scale research initiatives spanning environmental science, engineering, biochemistry, and weapons testing. Her technical expertise and strategic leadership have positioned TENAX as a trusted partner in complex research and development efforts.

Ms. Rush has received numerous accolades for her leadership and impact, including being named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by The Daily Record, recognized as one of the 50 Women to Watch by Baltimore Sun Magazine, and honored with the Athena International Award for Women's Leadership.

She is also the founder of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of Women in Defense and has served on multiple boards and commissions supporting community advancement and professional development.

Under Ms. Rush's leadership, TENAX Technologies has earned recognition as a Top Workplace and received honors as a leading Research and Development Company. Today, TENAX employs approximately 300 professionals across 16 states.

2026 Award Recipients

INNOVATOR - Dr. Thomas Keller III

Dr. Thomas Keller's science background is in biology and biotechnology. He earned a B.A. in Biology from McDaniel College and an M.S. in Biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University. Before beginning his career in education, Dr. Keller researched molecular biology and cancer in the Department of Radiation Oncology in the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Keller's scientific research interests are in molecular biology and epigenetics, and he eagerly supports students who are interested in pursuing careers in biology. Dr. Keller's education background is in science education and the Science of Learning. He earned an M.S. in Secondary Education from McDaniel College and an Ed.D. in Mind, Brain, and Teaching from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Keller gained professional expertise as an educator teaching various secondary science courses and developing curricula.

Dr. Keller also has a range of experience in higher education contexts, including as a course developer and adjunct faculty at the Johns Hopkins University School of Education. Currently, Dr. Keller is a professor in the Science and Technology Department at Cecil College where he also serves as the Digital Accessibility Specialist. Dr. Keller's education research interests are in inclusive pedagogy, professional development, Science of Learning strategies, and STEM engagement and literacy.

INNOVATOR - Nick Lattanzi

Nick Lattanzi is the Founder & CEO of Elite Edge Partners, a strategic advisory firm supporting public- and private-sector clients across defense, national security, public health, emergency management, law enforcement, energy, and commercial technology. With more than 22 years of experience, Nick provides executive-level leadership in management consulting, growth strategy, fractional C-suite advisory, technology modernization, and talent acquisition.

Through Elite Edge's mission-driven business model—combining management consulting, IT managed services, and talent development—Nick advances technology innovation, STEM leadership, and sustainable workforce growth across Northeastern Maryland. His work focuses on translating advanced engineering, digital transformation, and emerging technologies into real-world impact that strengthens national missions while creating meaningful opportunities within local communities.

INNOVATOR - Bharat C. Patel

Mr. Bharat C. Patel serves as Managing Director, AI Mission and Chief Product Officer within Accenture Federal Services' Defense & Intelligence portfolio, driving strategic growth across Joint Estate and Combatant Command accounts while delivering sustained double-digit expansion. In his Chief Product Officer role, he is establishing a unified product strategy and roadmap that translates mission needs into scalable, repeatable capabilities. He leads mission-focused innovation that integrates data, AI, cloud, cyber, and next-generation platforms to accelerate defense modernization and strengthen mission readiness.

Mr. Patel previously served as the Product Lead for Project Linchpin, an initiative he spearheaded in July 2022. Project Linchpin is now an investment activity that serves as the Army's AI Operations and Services Ecosystem under the Army's Next Generation Command & Control initiative. In this role, Mr. Patel is actively establishing a dynamic, agile, and value-driven organization. He is creating the mission and vision to set strategic acquisition and programmatic objectives and driving the technical strategy with key pillars focused on secure, trusted infrastructure, standards, and governance. This strategy is enabled by a multi-layered contracting approach to access industry best-of-breed products, solutions, and services. Mr. Patel has also created strategic partnerships across the Department of Defense, Intelligence Community, and the Military Services to maximize investments and share resources. Through these efforts and Mr. Patel's leadership, Project Linchpin manages an AI ecosystem that encompasses over 35 companies working across 10 different states, with the objective to identify more companies across the United States to enable the Army to achieve its AI objectives.

Prior to this role, Mr. Patel led all studies, pilots, and prototyping efforts for Project Manager, Intelligence Systems and Analytics (PM IS&A). In this position, he led the ground station modernization effort that informed the Tactical Intelligence Targeting Access Node (TITAN), the Army's next-generation Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance ground station and the Army's major contribution to Joint All-Domain Command and Control. TITAN is enabled by AI and ML to process sensor data received from Space, High Altitude, Aerial, and Terrestrial layers. TITAN will provide intelligence support to targeting and situational awareness and understanding, ultimately reducing the sensor-to-shooter timeline and enabling Multi-Domain Operations. He was also the Army's technical lead in support of the Algorithmic Warfare Cross-Functional Team (a.k.a. Project Maven), deploying Full Motion Video (FMV) computer vision AI/ML in operations and assisting Project Maven conduct 3rd party test & evaluation of the FMV models prior to deployment. Mr. Patel also managed all Science and Technology (S&T) efforts spanning across the IS&A portfolio. In this role, he worked closely with the DoD and Army S&T community to shape strategy, manage efforts, and author transition opportunities. In his spare time, he served as the lead engineer for a software intensive acquisition category 1 POR that fielded capability to the entire Army Intelligence Warfighting function, integrating numerous Industry and Government capabilities including S&T efforts.

Mr. Patel started his career supporting PEO IEW&S Headquarters, during which time he guided critical efforts in support of Army Modernization. At the PEO level, he was the Strategic Technology Manager working across the PEO portfolio to identify technology gaps to inform the Army requirements community, Industry, and the S&T community. Mr. Patel also developed long range technology roadmaps informed by Industry and Government investments. Mr. Patel leveraged the roadmaps to communicate technology evolution, leading to shaping modernization efforts including the Army's Signals Intelligence and the Terrestrial Layer Portfolios.

MENTOR - Melissa Dethlefsen

Melissa Dethlefsen, Career Coach Coordinator, brings 29 years of experience to her role. She has served students and teachers, at all levels, during her vast tenure with Harford County Public Schools. Melissa has served students in myriad ways including teaching, team and department leadership, curriculum development, and grant management.

In her present role, she has focused on growing the capacity of the career coach team in collaboration with Blueprint partners. Melissa facilitates the development and delivery of career continuum content to all middle school students across Harford County. She is a dedicated champion of career-connected learning for all, working to create equitable pathways that link learning to meaningful careers. Through collaboration, leadership, and systems-building, Melissa supports educators and communities in preparing learners for success beyond the classroom.

Melissa Dethlefsen graduated magna cum laude from Towson State. In addition, she holds graduate degrees and certifications related to her present work.

MENTOR - Corey Geho

Corey Geho is a Personal Finance Educator with Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union and a former Harford County Public Schools high school teacher. He has dedicated his career to guiding others through curiosity-driven learning. A native of Dundalk, Maryland, Corey is grounded in the belief that you do not know what you do not know.

He creates supportive environments where individuals feel comfortable exploring new ideas with someone they can trust. His work reflects a deep commitment to mentorship, community connection, and honest guidance. Corey's approach is shaped by his professional experience and by the values he shares at home with his wife Kate Geho, a registered nurse in the community, and their three children Alice, Anna, and Asher.

MENTOR - Keisha Nandalal

Keisha Nandalal is a Harford County native, lifelong learner, and dedicated educator whose career reflects an unwavering commitment to mentorship, service, and student success. Inspired by family, faith, and formative educational experiences, she has devoted more than 32 years to empowering learners of all ages and backgrounds. Mrs. Nandalal holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Spanish from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, a master's degree in counseling from Loyola University Maryland, and a master's degree in Reading with English as a Second Language (ESL) certification from Johns Hopkins University. She spent 30 years teaching at Fountain Green Elementary School, supported multilingual learners through Harford Community College and other community agencies; and later advanced STEM outreach at the Discovery Center at Water's Edge.

She currently serves as an adjunct professor in the Adult Development & Literacy Education Program at Harford Community College. Known for building meaningful relationships and creating inclusive learning environments, Mrs. Nandalal has impacted multiple generations of students and families. Her honors include the ABC2 Teachers Are Heroes Award, the Baltimore Ravens Touchdown for Teachers Award, and the 2024 John Carroll High School Patriot Pride Alumni Award. She is deeply honored to receive the 2026 NMTC Visionary Award and remains committed to mentoring and uplifting her community.

2026 Award Recipients

MENTOR - Jill L. Peregino

Jill Peregino M.S. joined Harford Community College as a full-time faculty member in Data Science and Mathematics in 2023, after teaching at HCC since 2012. Prior to her teaching career, she spent more than 20 years at IQVIA (formally IMS Health), where she applied her master's degree in Statistics to support healthcare market research. Her work focused on analyzing and translating data into meaningful insights to support pharmaceutical business and healthcare decision-making. This real-world experience strongly informs her teaching today, as she emphasizes practical application, data-driven reasoning, and fostering those "lightbulb moments" of understanding for her students.

MENTOR - Tim Pistel

Tim Pistel has been a Harford County Public Schools teacher for 22 years. After spending 19 tears at North Harford High School as a Mathematics and Technology teacher, he transitioned to his current role of Career Navigator in 2023.
He currently works at two high schools, Aberdeen and Bel Air, and is passionate about helping students make informed decisions about their futures and connecting them with local opportunities.

MENTOR - Dr. Shomari Zachary

Dr. Shomari Zachary is a visionary educational leader and P-TECH Coordinator for HCPS, driving transformative Career and Technical Education pathways that prepare students to be college and career ready. Through dual enrollment, students earn an Associate of Arts degree in Cybersecurity or Computer Information Systems, graduating with both a high school diploma and a college credentials.
Through strategic partnerships and visionary leadership, Dr. Zachary connects students to high-demand industries, STEM-focused field trips, college tours, certification opportunities, and real-world learning experiences that position students for long term success. This year, 20 students will complete the P-TECH program with both their diploma and associate degree, equipping students with the opportunity to thrive in college, careers, and beyond.

RISING STAR - Gabrielle Whitworth

A proud native of Louisburg, North Carolina, Gabrielle Whitworth is a dedicated leader defined by her commitment to service, education, and family. A U.S. Army combat disabled veteran, Gabrielle brings the resilience and discipline of her military background to her work in community advocacy and development.
Gabrielle's professional expertise is backed by a strong academic foundation. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Huston-Tillotson University and went on to complete her Master's degree at Western Governors University. This combination of hands-on leadership and advanced education led to her appointment as Deputy Director of CHOSEN Community Development Corporation in August 2024.
At the heart of Gabrielle's world is her family. She has been married to her husband, Johnathan Sr., for 17 years, and together they are raising three children: JoLei, Johnathan Jr., and Jaxon. Whether she is navigating complex community projects or supporting her family, Gabrielle remains a steadfast advocate for growth and empowerment.

NEXTGEN - Grace Buxton

Grace Buxton is a senior in the Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School. Grace studies multiple STEM subjects but favor biology and engineering, above all others. Continually, Grace has a passion for art and chooses to paint when not studying or being active.
While Grace pursues academic success, she is also captain of multiple varsity sports including soccer and lacrosse. Grace believes her friendly, but competitive nature inspires others to work together and achieve their collective goals.
Grace intends to pursue a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in hopes of someday aiding in film production.

NEXTGEN - Meghan Greimel

Meghan Greimel is a senior at Havre de Grace high school. Meghan is a four-year member of the Biomedical Program. She currently works for Harford County as a Laboratory Intern at Aberdeen, C. Milton Wright, and North Harford High School. In addition, Meghan is the president of Havre de Grace High School's National Honor Society chapter and was the 2025 Judith Resnick Awardee.
Outside of school Meghan is a two-time American Motorcyclist Association Flat Track Grand Champion. She hopes to continue riding as she earns her bachelor's degree in biology with aspirations to become a pediatrician.
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NEXTGEN - Christopher Peterson

Christopher Peterson is a homeschooled student with a deep interest in STEM. He has led multiple FIRST LEGO League and 4H Robotics teams, and worked as a Near Peer Mentor with RoboMasterminds and as an instructor for Young Engineers.
In 2022, he placed second in the Discovery Center at Waters Edge's Magic of Science Fair and received the prize of a 3D printer, which opened the door to Combat Robotics and a small business providing on-demand 3D modeling and manufacturing.
Christopher is currently a junior in high school and is looking into mechanical engineering and mechatronics programs for college.

Here’s to the Mentors Who Point Us Forward

APG Federal Credit Union proudly celebrates community leader Corey Geho, a recipient of the NMTC Visionary Awards.

By generously sharing his knowledge and experience, Corey helps inspire students, teachers, and our neighbors. His volunteer efforts strengthen our community by supporting a STEM-educated workforce and encouraging the next generation of technology leaders — one future innovator at a time.

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