Dear Kerry,

These STEM-OPS "News Bites" have been created to keep you informed of discrete happenings between newsletters. The next full newsletter will be sent in July 2023.

We have two exciting things to share with you today:

- Next week's Second Chances watch party and panel discussion and
- The 2023 JumpStart Virtual Conference

Read on!

Watch Party and Panel Discussion: The Critical Need for STEM Education and Careers for Justice-Impacted People

**STEM-OPS** is hosting a video watch party and panel discussion on **Wednesday, June 28 (4:00–5:30 pm ET)** to discuss the critical need for STEM education and careers for justice-impacted people. This is a free virtual event where you can listen to and ask questions of our colleagues and friends who are fighting for access to STEM education for people who need jobs when they reenter the community after release and for people who need acceptance into the community by educators and employers.

**Learn more and register.**
2023 JumpStart Virtual Conference – Here to Stay: Reigniting the Fire for Racial Justice

The Vanderbilt University Initiative for Race Research and Justice (RRJ) will host its fourth JumpStart Virtual Conference for educators on Tuesday, July 25 (9:00 am–4:00 pm CT). The professional learning opportunity will provide PreK-12 educators, graduate students, university faculty and staff as well as community members across the nation an opportunity to learn about ways to continue working towards racial justice and equity in the current climate.

Learn more and register.