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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **NEPRIS BRINGS VIRTUAL CAREER CONNECTIONS TO EVERY CLASSROOM IN THE SILVER STATE**

Statewide partnership will provide every middle and high school public and charter classroom with exposure to career pathways via professionals from across industries.

**Las Vegas / Carson City, NV (August 18, 2021)** — Nepris, an online, cloud-based platform that virtually connects students with industry professionals all over the U.S., announces a multi-year partnership with the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) and the Nevada Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (GOWINN) to provide its career learning platform to all 567 middle and high schools, public or charter, in the state.

"This state-wide partnership demonstrates Nevada's commitment to preparing all of its students for the future of work," said Sabari Raja, Nepris co-founder and CEO. "According to the Entangled Solutions white paper, [Unlocking Career Potential: An Analysis of the Career Navigation & Guidance Product Landscape](#), only 1/3 of students believe they will graduate with the skills they need to acquire a good job, and 41% of recent graduates are underemployed. By providing career exposure and guidance at an early age, our educational systems and institutions develop a foundation for each students' social and economic mobility."

Nevada's participation with Nepris fulfills 2 statewide initiatives: The NDE Statewide Plan for the Improvement of Pupils (STIP)'s mission to improve student achievement and educator effectiveness and the Nevada Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (GOWINN) initiative supporting the workforce pipeline through apprenticeships and work-based learning opportunities. Both the NDE and GOWINN have responsibility and accountability for supporting the workforce pipeline through apprenticeships and work-based learning opportunities.

"Using Nepris to connect Nevada students to industry professionals working in high-growth and high-demand fields directly aligns with our State's economic development and workforce development plans. I am excited to see this initiative come to life, and I look forward to continued partnership between our education system and our workforce," said Governor Sisolak. "This partnership with Nepris is key to giving our students equitable access to diverse industries," said Isla Young, Executive Director of GOWINN. "Nevada students will be able to connect with high-growth, high-demand Industries and employers they may have never heard about or seen in their hometowns and plan for the future. Connecting them with the many career possibilities available right here in Nevada."

Nepris was founded in 2013 to bring real-world relevance and career exposure to students through live, virtual connections with industry professionals. Currently, the virtual learning platform is used by over 75,000 educators at more than 600 school districts across the country. Nepris has connected over 500,000

students, many of whom come from economically disadvantaged rural and urban communities, with professionals from across a variety of industries.

Educators, librarians, and counselors have the ability to virtually invite professionals from across the country to talk with their students about career pathways. The professionals on the Nepris platform represent the diversity of the workforce and give students a better understanding of the jobs and industries they may be considering.

These industry pros speak with students about their jobs and serve as real-world success stories about the power of education and the doors that will be open to them upon graduation. The live sessions can include live demonstrations, student Q&A, mock interviews, virtual field trips or even critiques of student projects. Sessions give students a glimpse at possibilities and the necessary information to pursue their goals, regardless of socioeconomic status or geographic location. Nepris works in a variety of engagement models, whether the school is in-person, virtual, or a hybrid of both models.

For more information, visit [www.nevada.nepris.com](http://www.nevada.nepris.com)

### About Nepris

Austin-based Nepris provides a cloud-based platform connecting industry professionals with K-16 classrooms so that students see the relevance of what they are learning in school. Students are exposed to diverse role models and career paths in STEM, the Arts, retail, manufacturing, and countless other careers. Nepris makes it easy for teachers to leverage industry connections while offering a scalable platform for companies and regional intermediaries to easily and effectively engage the current workforce with the future workforce, virtually. Nearly a half-million students have participated in a Nepris virtual session or have viewed one of the 10,000 hours of videos in its library. See Nepris in action at [Nepris.com/webinar](http://Nepris.com/webinar) or sign-up as a teacher or professional at [Nepris.com](http://Nepris.com).

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## **About GOWINN**

GOWINN helps drive a skilled, diverse, and aligned workforce in the state of Nevada by promoting cooperation and collaboration among all entities focused on workforce development. Its chief objectives are to prepare all K-12 students for college and career success, increase the number of Nevadans with postsecondary degrees and credentials, and boost employment outcomes in training and credentialing programs.