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Great Minds in STEM Supports nCASE Summer Teacher STEM Institute

Montebello, CA June 14, 2019 – Great Minds in STEM™ is proud to support the National Center for the Advancement of STEM Education (nCASE) Picatinny Arsenal, the Office of Naval Research (ONR), and the California University of Pennsylvania who will be working with selected teachers for a special training in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at their Summer Teacher STEM Institute.

This exciting program will feature STEM learning modules and new Smart Sensor modules. Teachers will use this new knowledge to design smart sensors relevant in the 21st century digital age towards the end of the training session. This intensive program will include from the following states: Alabama, California, Florida, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina. Participants will also be given opportunities to network and discuss best practices as they develop the tools and skills to inspire the next generation of STEM talent at their respective school sites

Teachers from the Los Angeles, California area will be participating in this landmark institute, many of whom are veterans of Great Minds in STEM's educator development and K-12 programs. Long time GMiS supporter Elsa Bolado, Principal, Hollenbeck Middle School, in Los Angeles, California, will open the training with a keynote address about her journey, which began in the classroom of one of the most famous educators in America, Jaime Escalante, who was the subject of the 1988 Hollywood movie, *Stand and Deliver*.

In 1982, Mr. Escalante's students at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles defied the odds and passed the Advanced Placement exam in calculus not once but twice. They decided to take the exam a second time to silence critics and settle unfounded cheating accusations. Passing Jaime Escalante's class years later, Ms. Bolado went on to earn her bachelor's degree from UCLA and her teaching credential and Master's Degree from the California State University, Los Angeles.

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