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### **An Irrational Day In Boyle Heights**

*STEM-Up™ Initiative Celebrates the Irrational Number of Pi, 3.14159265358979...*

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**Los Angeles, CA** - From the east bank of the Los Angeles River, in libraries, and in classrooms the residents of Boyle Heights will be celebrating Pi Day with the rest of the world. The number is Pi, 3.14159265358979..., an infinite number. It is the date of March 14 (3.14), the number you get when you divide the circumference of a circle by its diameter, and it cannot be expressed as a fraction. It continues infinitely. In an era where Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) are topics of discussion in education it is the hope of the STEM-Up™ Initiative to bring awareness to Boyle Heights about importance of Pi in the circle of life.

Math and science underline the United States economic competitiveness and national security. Currently, our students are not performing up to their maximum potential. By engaging students in math and science activities from a young age, STEM-Up™ will create a setting where students are on a path toward science and math literacy and STEM careers. In supporting Pi Day and its celebration around the world; STEM-Up™ recognizes the continuing importance of math and science education by encouraging schools and educators to observe the day with appropriate activities that teach students about Pi and engage them about the study of mathematics.

In observance of this important day, on Monday, March 15 the STEM-Up™ initiative will celebrate and engage students by delivering Marie Callenders Restaurant Apple Pies to all eighteen (18) schools that are part of the initiative, as well as to public libraries, and community partners. It is also worth noting that 3.14 is the birthday of the great scientific pioneer, Albert Einstein.

#### **STEM-Up™ Initiative**

STEM-Up™ is a Great Minds in STEM Initiative funded through a five (5) year contract from the Department of Defense and administered by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District Office. This initiative will bring Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) college and career pathways to light through comprehensive strategies that integrate STEM into schools and underserved communities. For more information, please visit [www.stemup.org](http://www.stemup.org).

#### **Great Minds in STEM**

Great Minds in STEM, formerly known as HENAAC, is dedicated to keeping America strong by promoting STEM careers, especially in underserved communities. HENAAC will remain as the conference name, one aspect of the vast programming that Great Minds in STEM offers. While the organization's name has changed, the vision and mission remain the same. The name change reflects the expanded role of Education Programs and other efforts taken to promote STEM careers in underserved communities. For more information, please visit [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org).