

# BATTELLE NEWS RELEASE

## **Dr. Anita Krishnamurthi selected for new board on national STEM network**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (August 1, 2016) — Dr. Anita Krishnamurthi, Vice President of STEM Policy for the Afterschool Alliance, has been selected as one of the first six members of the STEMx Advisory Board. The board will expand the influence of the national STEMx™ network, bringing together leaders in business, education and advocacy.

The STEMx network, managed by Battelle Education, was formed by a coalition of state STEM networks in 2012. Each network represents the lead voice for STEM education in their state. Together, they aim to trade solutions to common problems and plan collective action. More than 20 U.S. states and territories count themselves as members of STEMx.

Krishnamurthi was selected, in part, for her deep knowledge on bringing quality STEM education to afterschool programs and her background as an accomplished scientist.

The new advisory board will provide guidance to the STEMx network at a critical time. The upcoming election and implementation of broad-reaching legislation like the Every Student Succeeds Act offer a key moment to advance STEM education. Together, these leaders connect the voice of business, educators, state government, and after-school education.

Aimee Kennedy, Vice-President of Education, STEM Learning and Philanthropy will chair the board. STEMx Director, Dr. Michael Feder, will serve as vice-chair.

### **Members of the STEMx Advisory Board**

#### **Patrick D'Amelio, Washington STEM**

D'Amelio is Chief Executive Officer of Washington STEM. Washington STEM is a founding member of the STEMx network. Previously, he led the Alliance for Education and The

Catholic Youth Organization in Seattle. D'Amelio also held two tenures at Big Brothers and Big Sisters. He participated in the Pacific Northwest Executive Leadership Institute at the University of Washington and Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management at Harvard Business School Executive Education. Washington STEM is founding member of STEMx.

**Dr. David L. Evans, National Science Teachers Association**

Evans is the Executive Director of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), the world's largest professional organization representing science educators. Prior to NSTA, Evans held various science-related positions—Director of the Center for Sustainability at Noblis; Smithsonian Institution's Under Secretary for Science; and Assistant Administrator for Oceanic & Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. Evans also led the White House Global Climate Change Initiative, coordinating activities of 12 federal agencies. Evans was an oceanography professor at the University of Rhode Island and was a teacher in Pennsylvania.

**Angela Hemingway, Idaho STEM Action Center**

Hemingway serves as Executive Director of the Idaho STEM Action Center in the Office of the Governor. She spent more than a decade teaching science in Idaho classrooms before rising through the ranks at the Idaho Department of Education. As an educator, she won the Idaho Biology Teacher of the Year, and Governor's and Industry's Award for Notable Teachers of STEM. Hemingway is a doctoral candidate in curriculum and instruction at Boise State University. Idaho is a long serving member of STEMx.

**Dr. Anita Krishnamurthi, Afterschool Alliance**

Krishnamurthi serves as Vice President of STEM Policy for the Afterschool Alliance. Previously, she was the John Bahcall Public Policy Fellow at the American Astronomical Society. Prior to her fellowship, she worked at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Academy of Sciences. Krishnamurthi's formal training is as an astrophysicist; she received a PhD from The Ohio State University.

**Reginald McGregor, Rolls-Royce Corporation**

Reginald McGregor is a Manager in the Research & Technology Strategy Group at Rolls-Royce Corporation. Reginald manages the engineering talent pipeline, overseeing the K12 STEM initiatives, collegiate co-op program and early career engineering leadership

development programs. He is a mechanical engineer with an MBA with over 15 years of experience in aerospace. In 2006, McGregor received the Black Engineer of the Year Award from Black Engineer magazine.

**Dr. Thomas T. Peters, SC Coalition for Mathematics & Science**

Peters is the Executive Director of South Carolina's Coalition for Mathematics & Science, founded by BMW Manufacturing Co., DuPont, Michelin North America and Duke Energy, and hosted by the College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences at Clemson University. He is also Principal Investigator on a grant funded by Boeing SC that identifies disciplinary literacy strategies for middle school math and science. Recognized in 2010 as the National Science Education Leadership Association's Outstanding Leader in Science Education, Peters has taught in middle school, high school and university classrooms. South Carolina has recently joined STEMx.

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