



## News Release

### The National Institute for STEM Education Is Named the 2019 Online Education Solution Provider of the Year in the EdTech Breakthrough Awards

HOUSTON — June 20, 2019 —The [National Institute for STEM Education \(NISE\)](#) has been selected as the winner of the “Online Education Solution Provider of the Year” award in the 2019 EdTech Breakthrough Awards.

“Our goal with the [EdTech Breakthrough Awards](#) program is to recognize the educational technology innovators, leaders and visionaries from around the world,” said James Johnson, managing director, EdTech Breakthrough. “We received compelling award nominations from all over the world, from early-stage startups to industry veterans and leaders, and we clearly see that the EdTech market is driving innovative approaches and technologies to address the most challenging issues facing education today. We extend a hearty congratulations to our inaugural EdTech Breakthrough Award winners.”

NISE was selected from among more than 1,500 nominations, which were evaluated by an independent panel of edtech industry experts. Through its research-based professional development programs, NISE focuses on high-impact STEM instructional strategies that work synergistically across content areas in preK-12 classrooms. In addition to onsite, customized professional development, NISE offers affordable, evidence-based, online solutions for educators. These include the [National Certificate for STEM Teaching \(NCST\)](#) and [Micro Certificates](#) for educators, and [National Certificate for STEM Excellence \(NCSE\)](#) for school campuses.

“We’re thrilled to be recognized for our work in providing educators with professional development that is research-based, personalized, and immediately applicable in their classrooms,” said Judy Zimny, Ed.D., vice president of NISE. “It’s been incredibly rewarding to see teachers enhance their STEM teaching and grow as STEM leaders, and to see campuses transform their cultures and raise student achievement.”

More than 2,000 educators have participated in the NCST with almost 1,000 having completed the program to date. In addition, approximately 50 percent of NCST graduates have enrolled in graduate STEM programs in NISE’s partner university, [American College of Education](#).

#### About the National Institute for STEM Education

NISE is more than a certifying body. It is a research-based support system for campuses and teachers seeking to strengthen STEM instruction and outcomes. Based on 15 STEM Teacher Actions that evolved from STEM professional development originally created at Rice University, NISE’s Campus and Teacher Certificates help school leaders and teachers understand and apply research and best practices in STEM, 21st-century learning, and professional development. For information, visit <http://nise.institute>.

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