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MIND RESEARCH INSTITUTE RECEIVES \$300,000 GRANT FROM UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX FOUNDATION

K-12 schools in seven states benefit from MIND math education programs

SANTA ANA, CA. -- May 18, 2011 -- The non-profit education researcher and publisher MIND Research Institute and University of Phoenix, the largest private university in North America, today announced that University of Phoenix Foundation has provided a \$300,000 grant to support MIND's national Math Initiative Program, which strives to help teachers raise math achievement in their neighborhood K-12 schools. The funds will enable MIND to implement their math education program, ST Math®, in new schools to dramatically increase students' math achievement.

"Each year, University of Phoenix Foundation helps organizations improve the lives of individuals and families by creating hope, discovery, dialogue, learning and educational opportunities," said Pat Gottfried, Executive Director, University of Phoenix Foundation. "As educators, we are proud to partner with MIND Research Institute on their important work to improve K-12 education through a focus on math."

"MIND appreciates University of Phoenix Foundation's continued commitment to making a difference in math education," said Ted Smith, MIND Research Institute Chairman. "Our Math Initiative program is life-changing for the many children who struggle with math at school every day."

Since 2008, University of Phoenix Foundation has supported MIND, helping to fund the Math Initiative in 61 low-performing schools in the Chicago Public School District. Today, the MIND program serves more than 140,000 students in 464 schools in California, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Nevada, New York and Texas.

Math Initiative schools receive MIND's award-winning ST Math instructional software, as well as professional development trainings, software updates, and real-time reports on student progress for teachers and principals. An assigned MIND support representative proactively supports each school's implementation throughout the year.

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University of Phoenix Foundation

Working hand-in-hand with the University's overall mission, the [University of Phoenix Foundation](#) was established to increase access to education, especially for underrepresented and low-income students. Through grants to non-profit, tax exempt charities, the foundation makes education not only a possible, but a probable, goal. John Sperling, Chairman of Apollo Group and founder of University of Phoenix pioneered accessible education to the working student over 30 years ago.

University of Phoenix

University of Phoenix is constantly innovating to help students balance education and life in a rapidly changing world. Through flexible schedules, challenging courses and interactive learning, students achieve personal and career aspirations without putting their lives on hold. University of Phoenix serves a diverse student population, offering associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs from campuses and learning centers across the U.S. as well as online throughout the world. For more information, visit www.phoenix.edu.

MIND Research Institute

The MIND Research Institute is a neuroscience and education research-based, non-profit corporation. MIND applies its distinctive visual approach to illustrating math concepts and building problem-solving skills as the basis for innovative, research-proven math education programs for elementary and secondary schools. MIND's programs currently reach over 320,000 students and 13,000 teachers in more than 1,000 schools in 19 states. For more information, visit www.mindresearch.net.

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