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OSLN – Akron Hub Announces \$20,000 Grant from The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

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AKRON, Ohio – January 21, 2014 – The Ohio STEM Learning Network (OSLN) – Akron Hub today announced The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company awarded a \$20,000 grant to support the Akron Hub's Spring 2014 Professional Development Series. With this grant, Goodyear will serve as a title sponsor for the Akron Hub's Spring 2014 Professional Development Series.

The Akron Hub's Spring 2014 Professional Development Series features science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workshops based largely on the professional development of the learning coaches (teachers) at Akron Public Schools' nationally recognized National Inventors Hall of Fame® School Center for STEM Learning. Strategically designed to implement Ohio's New Learning Standards through a STEM-focused learning environment, these sessions can be taken on an individual basis or collectively to maximize and increase participating educators' STEM capacity.

"The goal of these sessions is to help educators learn effective and sustainable STEM practices, so they can implement these innovative and creative concepts in their classrooms," said OSLN – Akron Hub Director Alison White. "Ultimately, by providing these professional development sessions for educators, Goodyear and the Akron Hub want to impact students, so they may become creative problem solvers, 21st century thinkers and entrepreneurs through the use of rigorous STEM content."

The Akron Hub's Spring 2014 Professional Development Series provides sessions related to digital literacy, problem-based learning, professional learning communities for curriculum assessment and instruction for 21st century



learners and innovative leadership. Continuing education units or graduate credits from The University of Akron are available for educators who complete a workshop in full.

"Goodyear continues to be a generous corporate partner of STEM initiatives," said Superintendent David W. James. "We extend our gratitude to the company for its contribution—not only to students interested in STEM but, we hope, also to the future of its own work force."

"Through Goodyear's continued support, educators with any level of STEM capacity can benefit from attending the Akron Hub's high quality, effective professional development sessions," White said. "This allows the Akron Hub to serve a significant purpose in the community, and amplify and accelerate STEM education to even more teachers and students."

For more information on how your district may benefit from Goodyear's support or to learn more about the Akron Hub's Spring 2014 Professional Development Series, visit AkronSTEM.org

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The OSLN - Akron Hub facilitates STEM partnerships between schools, higher education institutions, businesses, non-profits, government organizations and community groups. Founded by an innovative partnership (Akron Public Schools, Akron Tomorrow, the City of Akron, the Greater Akron Chamber, Invent Now [formerly the National Inventors Hall of Fame®], and the University of Akron), the OSLN - Akron Hub oversees and creates educational opportunities and community collaborations, and works with STEM stakeholders in other parts of the state and beyond. To learn more about the OSLN – Akron Hub, visit AkronSTEM.org or its [online training center](#).

