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Gov. Reynolds Announces 2019 Statewide Summit Connecting Workforce, STEM and Workplace Partnerships

DES MOINES - Today, Gov. Kim Reynolds reaffirmed her vision for preparing Iowans for dynamic careers and lifelong learning by continuing to connect workforce, STEM and workplace partnerships. This year's Future Ready Iowa Summit titled, "STEM Education + Workplace Partnerships," takes place on April 30, 2019, at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. The Governor's STEM Advisory Council will be hosting the event.

"Iowa is recognized as a national leader in STEM and workplace partnerships. That's why we must continue to bring these two powerful efforts together. It's critical for providing young Iowans with outstanding opportunities and helping them learn high-demand skills for rewarding careers," said Gov. Reynolds. "That's why this year's statewide summit focuses on expanding innovative partnerships to ensure so our students are ready for the 21st century economy."

Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg added "With Iowa's continued growth, it's vital to develop a strong talent pipeline and adaptable educational system together. Having STEM and Future Ready Iowa experts at the same venue is a great step in that direction."

The summit agenda includes remarks by the Governor, Lt. Governor and Iowa leaders in business, industry and education. The morning keynote speaker is Pallavi Verma, senior managing director U.S.-Midwest at Accenture, who will talk about harnessing Artificial Intelligence to innovate and grow. Gov. Reynolds also will announce the names of six high-poverty elementary schools that will receive a total of \$300,000 in grants (\$50,000 each) as part of the Computer Science is Elementary Project.

Registration for the Summit is now open and additional information can be found at www.lowaSTEM.gov/2019STEMsummit.

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About the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council

Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, companies and Iowa students and families addressing policies and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain our State's historic leadership position in education, and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 50-member STEM Council is chaired by Governor Kim Reynolds and Accumold President and CEO Roger Hargens. For more information, visit www.lowaSTEM.gov.