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A Consortium of 8 Public School Divisions

Local Teacher Wins Raytheon MathMovesU Hero Award

Fun Sums It Up; Math Teacher Nets \$5,000

Raytheon announced that Kristine Vester, a member of the MathScience Innovation Center faculty, has been awarded a Math Hero Award from MathMovesU, a national initiative from Raytheon Company. Kristine is one of 32 high caliber nominees to receive a \$2,500 award and a matching grant of \$2,500 for the MathScience Innovation Center.

Raytheon is committed to raising awareness around the nation's decline of math and science skills and believes that tomorrow's engineers and technologists need to be excited by and interested in math today. Math Hero Awards from MathMovesU rewards teachers and volunteers for promoting math to students through effective and creative learning exercises.

This award will be used this academic year to in part create three one-day Student Innovation Conferences: one for high school students on November 21, and two for middle school students on December 5 and February 27. We anticipate 150 students at each of these conferences, giving us the capacity of motivating and inspiring 450 students beyond their normal classroom experiences. Students will be presented with hands-on activities to learn about fractals, engineering, nanotechnology and modeling/simulation.

Raytheon is a technology innovation leader specializing in defense, homeland security and other government markets throughout the world. With a history of innovation spanning 87 years, Raytheon provides state-of-the-art electronics, mission systems integration and other capabilities in areas of sensing; effects; and command, control and communications and intelligence systems, as well as a broad range of mission support services. With headquarters in Waltham, Mass., Raytheon employs 73,000 people worldwide.

The MathScience Innovation Center is proud to be the leader of K-12 math and science education for the eight Central Virginia school divisions within our forty-three year old Consortium (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Hanover, Henrico, King William, Petersburg, Powhatan and Richmond Public Schools) and the capacity building workforce program for K-12 educators and students that provides expanded opportunities to learn about emerging fields (fractal geometry, engineering, nanotechnology, environmental modeling) and effective ways to integrate within the curriculum.

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