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Valiant USA to Receive 2005 ET³ TEC Champion Partnership Award

Congressional recognition and partnership award honor Valiant's efforts to improve math skills among disadvantaged students

FOREST PARK, Ill. (Sept. 19, 2005) – Valiant USA, a provider of innovative K-12 science and math-based technology products, is to receive a 2005 ET³ TEC Champion Partnership Award and Congressional recognition commending the company's collaborative efforts to improve math education in high-poverty, urban schools.

Valiant USA is to be honored on Sept. 23, 2005, at an evening gala, "Celebrating TEC Champion Partnership and Leaders," at the National Education Association headquarters in Washington, D.C. The gala is a highlight of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Education Braintrust Symposium, "Inventing the Future: Closing the Education Excitement Gap." The symposium is being held during the CBC 35th Annual Legislative Conference, September 21-24, in Washington, D.C. In conjunction with the Education Technology Think Tank (ET³), U.S. Rep. Major R. Owens (D-NY), chair of the CBC Education Braintrust and long-time proponent of the CIS-TEC Watch Alliance, will recognize Valiant's work and present the award to Valiant.

ET³ and its TEC (Technology to Empower Community) Watch Alliance seek to mobilize community stakeholders to eliminate the achievement gap among disaffected youth, and to teach leadership development through civic engagement activities and other empowerment programs. Inaugurated in 1999, the ET³ TEC awards are given annually to honor innovative public-private partnerships that harness technology to empower the community.

Valiant's *MathAmigo*® software, a K-8 standards-based math program for handhelds, tablets and PCs, is used in several collaborative projects across the United States to help schools address low math scores among minority and low-income students. Recently, Valiant joined with the ET³, AlphaSmart, Rutgers University, Medgar Evers College and the New York City Department of Education to introduce a technology-based math program to PS 161 Crown School in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, one of New York's poorest neighborhoods. This partnership resulted in the TEC Champion Partnership Award and Congressional recognition for Valiant.

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Rep. Owens visited PS 161 in late April 2005 to kick-off the program and witnessed the enthusiasm of the teachers and students using the *MathAmigo* system. He expressed the critical importance of converging math and technology to help boost achievement, motivate students, and creatively teach students the skills they need to succeed in today's digital work environment.

“Valiant has always aimed to design products that measurably improve the lives of students and have real practical applications in the classroom,” stated Valiant CEO and Founder Dave Catlin. “I envision classrooms where technology is truly embedded in the lesson to provide interactive instruction tailored to each student's learning and information needs. MathAmigo helps schools achieve that goal.”

About MathAmigo

MathAmigo is K-8 standards-based math software for handhelds, laptops, tablets and PCs. It features more than 2,500 activities on topics ranging from counting to pre-algebra at a fraction of the cost of other comprehensive math products. The activities test students' understanding of concepts, offer an engaging platform to practice their knowledge and encourage problem solving. Students can use the program daily without repeating a question. The PC-based *MathAmigo* Manager enables teachers to quickly and easily plan daily math lessons individualized to each student, from struggling to gifted learners, and provide instant feedback. Teachers can monitor student progress and create assessment reports that illustrate students' needs. For more information, visit www.mathamigo.com or phone 888-366-6628.

About Valiant USA

Valiant USA, based in Forest Park, Ill., is a wholly owned subsidiary of Valiant Technology, Ltd., headquartered in London. Valiant USA was established in 2004, and serves the K-12 U.S. education market. The company's mission is to provide educational technology products that help students fulfill their potential by teaching them to think, to understand and to use their knowledge in creative and positive ways. The company's science and math product line includes robotic educational tools, Roamer™ and Turtle; the design technology kit, Inventa™; the electronics kit, Tronix™; and the SenSci® data logger and control products as well as the new math software for handhelds, MathAmigo®. For more information, visit www.valiant-technology.com or phone 888-366-6628.

About Education Technology Think Tank and The CIS-TEC Watch Alliance

The Education Technology Think Tank (ET3) is a national collaborative of business, civic and government-sector representatives committed to harnessing technology and telecommunications for economic, educational and civic empowerment of traditionally underserved communities. ET3 is an affiliate project of the Minority Legislative Education Program, Inc. (MLEP), a non-profit organization committed to civic participation for members of minority communities. The CIS-TEC Watch Alliance, a program of ET3 is a comprehensive community action model that mobilizes education stakeholders around technology to foster involvement in public policy and other civic affairs and create Ecology of Community Renewal for youth and their families. For more information, visit www.et3online.org.

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Editor's Note: Pictures of Congressman Owens' visit to PS 161 in Crown Heights can be viewed and downloaded on <http://www.cblohm.com/news/Valiantnews.html>

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