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Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross Selected for the Google GSV Education Innovation Fellowship

Ypsilanti, MI (June 20, 2023) — Global Silicon Valley (GSV) and Google for Education are proud to announce that Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross has been chosen as one of the esteemed participants in the inaugural cohort of the Google GSV Education Innovation Fellowship.

The Google GSV Education Innovation Fellowship aims to unite top-level instructional district leaders dedicated to working at the intersection of technology and instruction to inform and shape the future of education. By fostering collaboration among these visionary change agents, the Fellowship will create a powerful network that drives advancements in the EdTech landscape, driving toward rigorous outcomes for students.

Throughout the pilot year, Dr. Zachery-Ross will work alongside other Fellowship participants, engaging in collaborative projects, sharing insights, and shaping the future of educational technology. Through their collective efforts, the Google GSV Education Innovation Fellowship aims to create lasting impacts on the education system, paving the way for a more innovative and student-centered learning environment.

The Google GSV Education Innovation Fellowship marks a significant milestone in the pursuit of advancing education through technology. Dr. Zachery-Ross' participation in the Fellowship will help define the community and show what is possible for the future.

About GSV

GSV is a global platform founded in 2011 that supports and invests in education and workforce skills innovation. Its mission is to ensure that ALL people have equal access to the future with the belief that scalable innovations in 'Pre-K to Gray' learning and skills are crucial in achieving this goal. The platform includes GSV Summit, with its flagship convening the annual ASU+GSV Summit as well as an India-based Summit launched in 2023. The annual ASU+GSV Summit, held in April in San Diego, welcomed over 7,000 in-person registrants (a record) and 10,000 virtual attendees. GSV Ventures, the investment arm of the GSV platform founded in 2016, is a multi-stage venture fund investing in the most important funds across the global "Pre-K to Gray" landscape. GSV Ventures manages \$950M in assets across three funds and several SPVs.

About Google for Education

Google for Education is a division of Google dedicated to empowering educators and students with innovative tools and technologies that transform the learning experience. With a mission to make education accessible, engaging, and effective for all, Google for Education offers a wide range of products and services tailored to meet the needs of teachers, students, administrators, and institutions. Through initiatives like Google Classroom, G Suite for Education, Chromebooks, and various educational apps and tools, Google for Education aims to create inclusive and collaborative learning environments, foster digital literacy, and inspire creativity and critical thinking. By

harnessing the power of technology, Google for Education is committed to shaping the future of education and preparing students for success in the digital age.

About Ypsilanti Community Schools

Ypsilanti Community Schools is a PreK-12 district that offers students and families access to a rigorous culturally responsive curriculum through individualized support that helps students advance their learning. We offer project-based learning, Small Learning Communities (SLCs), small class sizes, high dosage tutoring, a K-5 and 6-12 International Baccalaureate curriculum, a STEMM Middle College, Dual Enrollment, a comprehensive Fine Arts program, and a highly qualified teaching staff that cares about the relationships we have with our students and families.

We are committed to providing every student with an education that supports voice, choice, and student agency. We use restorative practices to create a culture of belonging where we do with and not to students and we are intentional to ensure that every student is seen, heard, understood, valued, respected, and cared for.

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