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### GTEC – Global Technology & Engineering Consortium

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### GTEC

### --Educating students who can succeed in a *flat* and *diverse globe--*

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# Who we are:Leadership Team

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# What we see: The Challenge

In today's global engineering market, engineers work in international teams & some experience difficulties in communication, relationships & understanding across different cultures.

### What we see: GTEC Vision

#### Vision:

Modeling international team relations for secondary and college student teams by developing, managing and implementing exciting global engineering/ technology/science projects

### What we promote: GTEC Principles

#### + Global diversity education

- +working effectively /managing across cultures
- Using advanced communication technology for global engineering/ technology/science projects
- Developing a knowledge base for global engineering/ technology/science corporations

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# Pilot Program: Goal

Year One: To develop & pilot authentic international engineering/ technology/science projects for teams of secondary school students.

To pilot diversity curriculum

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# Pilot Program: Elements

#### US school & UK school teams

 Mentoring by Olin College students & practicing engineers

 Students receive training in global diversity, advanced communication technology, & specific engineering & science skills & content needed for the projects

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Pilot Program Status.1 People +8 Spirit of Knowledge Charter School students +8-10 Olin College mentors **+1 Olin College faculty** \*8 Haywood College M/HS students **+8 Keele University/Staffordshire** University mentors

# Pilot Program Status.2 Status at SOKCS

- + 2D modeling
- + PTC adapted curriculum
- Diversity curriculum, cyber safety & 21 C skills
- + Collaboration (culminating in project)
- \* 30 weeks, 1 to 2 periods w. added individual student time
- + Skype for communication

# Pilot Program: Participants

- Franklin Olin College of Engineering (Needham, MA)
- Spirit of Knowledge Public Charter School (Worcester, MA)
- Haywood College of Engineering (Stoke-on-Trent, UK)
- + Keele University (UK)

# F.W. Olin College of Engineering

No academic departments; no tenure; full tuition scholarship;

Selective, undergraduate engineering; B.S. in electrical and computer, mechanical and engineering;

34 full-time: 35% women, 12% minority;

n = 304: 42% women, 15% minority; Student/Faculty: Currently 9 to 1;

"Bold Goals"

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**Precepts:** 

**Program:** 

**Faculty:** 

**Students:** 

**Curriculum:** 

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# Spirit of Knowledge Charter School

Tuition-free public school in Worcester, MA

- Focused on achieving proficiency in **math**, **sciences** & **technology** & how it is applied to renewable energy & biotechnology
- Academic success achieved through high-standard, innovative curriculum
- Extensive academic supports
- Extensive use of technology
- A unique school culture, strong discipline, uniforms
- Opened last month with 156 students in grades 7, 8 & 9. At full capacity, will serve 275 students in grades 7 - 12.

## Other GTEC participants

• KMA Diversity/Cultural Detectives/ <u>www.KMAdiversity.com</u>

**Diversity Curriculum & Training** 

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# Other GTEC participants

### Davis Square Research Associates <u>http://www.davissquare.net/</u>

#### Assessment/Evaluation

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### **GTEC** Partners

MassCUE <u>http://www.masscue.org/</u>

November Learning
 <u>http://novemberlearning.com/</u>

 Nesson Media Boston (<u>http://www.nessonmedia.com/</u>) (a documentary)

 Parametric Technology Corporation <u>http://www.ptc.com</u>

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### Inter-culturally competent person

- Has a solid sense of own culture (cultural self-awareness);
- Demonstrates cultural literacy (knowledge of or curiosity about others' cultures);
- Has skills to engage with others across cultural differences to find effective solutions & resolve conflicts.

### Inter-culturally competent team

Consists of culturally competent individuals

 Consciously engages in creating team culture that provides the whole team & all team members the best & best-fitting opportunities to succeed

### Pilot Program Intercultural Component

- Incorporates array of tools to facilitate students' Cultural Self-Discovery;
- + Increases their Cultural Literacy
- Increase their understanding of Global Team Dynamics;
- Assist them in developing Intercultural Communication & Conflict Resolution Skills;
- Support students' learning through Training & Coaching

### Pilot Program STEM Projects Component

#### The project: 3D design

 Software & AutoCAD curriculum provided PTC

 Curriculum adapted by the SOKCS teachers for 7-9 grade students

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# **GTEC** Educational Outcomes

Outcomes for students (increasing engineering/ technology/science pipeline):

- + Global diversity knowledge & skills
- + Engineering knowledge & skills
- + 21st century knowledge & skills
- Creation of new Global Diversity curriculum for K-12 schools & higher education
- Knowledge base for global engineering/ technology/science corporations

### National Standards and MA STEM Framework

- National
  - + ISTE
  - National Academy of Engineering
  - The NAEP Technology and Engineering Framework
- + MA DESE
  - Technology Literacy & Expectations for students
  - + Science, & Tech/Engineering

# Benefits for K-12 schools

 Opportunities for student & faculty participation in global engineering/ technology/science including long-term projects, internships & others

- Opportunity to learn 21st skills & to practice with global partners
- Possibilities of higher education connections & jobs for students in the future

# **Benefits for Higher Education**

 Opportunity to participate in development & ownership of a new curriculum & co-curricular activities

 Partnerships with K-12 schools, other higher education institutions, companies & agencies in other countries for recruitment, fellowships & job placement opportunities

# Benefits Higher Ed.2

Assistance in expanding current programs
 &/or developing new ones

- Enhanced visibility on the national & international stage through leadership in this project
- Opportunities for more external funding & resources as other innovation & entrepreneurship initiatives emerge

Benefits for Business
Access to workers trained in global diversity

 Access to a proven diversity curriculum for their own workforce

 Partnerships with other companies, K-12 schools, higher education institutions & agencies in other countries for recruitment & job placement opportunities

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### Benefits for Business.2

Global corporate partnerships

Enhanced visibility on the national & international stage through leadership in this project

## GTEC Next Steps

 Adapting, developing diversity curriculum
 Conducting & evaluating the pilot program the Pilot Program in 2010-2011 academic year

- Procuring funding
- + Planning for dissemination & scaling
  - + (Exemplary program--see MA STEM plan www.mass.gov/governor/stem)

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