

# ***NCCAT Receives Grant to Support North Carolina STEM Teachers***

CULLOWHEE—The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation awarded a grant of \$30,006 to the Development Foundation of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching, Inc., to support professional development programming in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for North Carolina teachers during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

“We are committed to supporting STEM teachers and their professional development with this grant, and it is the students in the classrooms that will reap the rewards of this grant,” stated North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Executive Director Marilyn Footen Hudson.

The program, *NCCAT’s Teaching Students of the 21st Century STEM Project*, will help support 630 preK–12 educators from across the state to attend four-day residential programming focusing on STEM. The research-based programs are designed to equip teachers with the critical skills they need to strengthen their ability to teach and integrate STEM in the classroom, positively impacting students’ learning, and ultimately addressing the need for a skilled and knowledgeable workforce in a 21st century global economy.

“We appreciate the support from North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation that will help us provide these vital programs for North Carolina teachers about STEM to meet the needs of students in this critical area,” said NCCAT Executive Director M. Brock Womble.

NCCAT is a recognized national leader in professional development programming for teachers. Studies show that teacher quality is the most vital factor driving the academic achievement of students and opportunities for continued learning are imperative to maintaining and enhancing teacher performance.

## **NCCAT**

Increasing teacher effectiveness is fundamental to improving public education. NCCAT provides teachers with new knowledge, skills, teaching methods, best practices and information to take back to their classrooms. For more information about NCCAT’s professional development programs, visit [www.nccat.org](http://www.nccat.org) or call 828-293-5202.

## **The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation**

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