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**EdTech Digest Awards Program Names STEMscopes a Cool Tool Award Finalist
for STEM Solution and Parent/Student Solution**

HOUSTON – April 8, 2016 – The 2016 *EdTech Digest* Awards Program has chosen
STEMscopes™ NGSS, a digital STEM curriculum for K-12 classrooms, as a Cool Tool
Award finalist in the STEM Solution and the Parent/Student Solution categories. The
EdTech Digest Awards recognize outstanding contributions in transforming education
through technology. Featuring the best and brightest in edtech, the annual recognition
program seeks to highlight and celebrate the most effective products and the most
innovative, inspiring people.

Developed by Accelerate Learning™ and Rice University, STEMscopes NGSS is built
from the ground up to address the Next Generation Science Standards. It provides
teacher and student digital resources, supplemental print materials, and hands-on
exploration kits that build student engagement and excitement for learning. As with all of
Accelerate Learning's STEM solutions, inquiry-based learning is at the core of
STEMscopes. It fosters an understanding of science through meaningful hands-on
inquiry-based investigations, so students develop a deeper understanding of the world
around them.

"Teachers often tell us what a big impact STEMscopes has had on their students'
learning and engagement in science, and studies shows that students who use
STEMscopes have higher passing rates on science assessments," said Vernon
Johnson, president and CEO of Accelerate Learning. "It's very gratifying to know that our
STEM solution is considered among the best in driving student inquiry and a passion for
STEM."

"This year's program had some very stiff competition and hard decisions were made in
selecting winners. The honorees here are among the best and brightest in the edtech
space. Finalists and winners both represent an achievement. We're proud to honor these
cool tools, leaders, and trendsetters in education technology," said Victor Rivero, who
oversees the program as editor-in-chief of *EdTech Digest*.

About Accelerate Learning Inc.: Founded at Rice University, Accelerate Learning has
grown from a single product, STEMscopes in 2007, to a brand that now offers a variety
of curriculum and professional development solutions which support early learning,
NGSS, and state-aligned curriculum. Accelerate Learning has earned recognition in
District Administration's Top 100 Products, SIIA Innovation Incubator, and *EdTech
Digest*'s Cool Tool Awards.

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