



Accelerate Learning Earns Place on the Prestigious 2016 Tyton Growth50 List

Developer of the STEMscopes digital STEM curriculum is recognized as a top 50 growth-stage company in education sector achieving impact at scale

HOUSTON – Sept. 9, 2016 – <u>Accelerate Learning</u>, a leading provider of digital resources for preK-12 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education, has been recognized as a 2016 <u>Tyton Growth50</u> company. The Tyton Growth50 celebrates innovative organizations achieving impact at scale through a combination of strong financial performance; market awareness and adoption; and demonstrated customer outcomes across the preK–12, postsecondary, corporate training, and consumer education markets. As one of 50 organizations selected this year, this achievement marks a significant milestone in Accelerate Learning's evolution.

"Just two and one-half years after our spinout from Rice University, STEMscopes, our flagship product, is being used by more than 7,600 schools in 40 states across the country. There continues to be strong interest from the market place for high quality, low priced digital STEM curriculum, customized to state standards, with affordable supplemental support materials, said Dr. Vernon Johnson, CEO of Accelerate Learning.

Each year, experts on the Tyton Partners team review nominated companies in the space, evaluating each against the <u>Tyton Growth Framework</u> to narrow the field. That analysis is used to select the 50 companies that best exemplify the impact, engagement, awareness and sustainability necessary to have lasting impact.

"Early-stage investment in education remains strong, but we often lose sight of what happens to these companies after initial funding," noted Adam Newman, Co-founder and Managing Partner at Tyton Partners. "Companies selected for this year's Tyton Growth50 are exemplars for understanding the transition from early- to growth and later-stage businesses, making that transition successfully and achieving impact at scale across a variety of segments of the education market."

About Accelerate Learning

Accelerate Learning has grown from a single product, STEMscopes, to a brand that now offers a variety of curriculum and professional development solutions that support early learning, Next Generation Science Standards, and state-aligned curriculum. The company has earned recognition as one of *District Administration*'s Top 100 Products, and from numerous industry programs, including the Digital Innovation and Learning Awards, and *EdTech Digest*'s Cool Tool Awards. For more information, visit http://www.acceleratelearning.com





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