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LearnLaunch Accelerator Names Six Edtech Startups to Winter 2015 Accelerator Program

BOSTON, MA, February 10, 2015 – <u>LearnLaunch Accelerator</u>, a leading education technology startup program, today announced its third cohort of six early-stage education technology companies. LearnLaunch Accelerator selected the companies based on their potential to impact the learning community and the broader learning environment.

"More and more, the brightest minds in business and education are coming up with innovative solutions to education and learning challenges," said Jean Hammond, a LearnLaunch partner. "We've assembled six of the most promising edtech companies from around the world and are looking forward to working with them to validate their products, expand their companies, and enable them to become investment-ready."

The following companies were selected to participate in the Winter 2015 accelerator program:

- Authess Assessment templates that enable scenario-, simulation- and problem-based assessment that evaluate knowledge and skill mastery, and deliver personalized data to the learner
- <u>Education Modified</u> A platform that empowers teachers who serve students with special needs using the latest research-based strategies and Learning Biographies for seamless collaboration
- Knowledge to Practice improves patient-centered care through personalized, mastery-based postgraduate medical education
- <u>NI-O Toys</u> a maker of Hardware Development Kits that enable designers, engineers, kids and practically anyone to create 3D printable smart educational toys
- <u>Pip Learning Technologies</u> creator of the Trust Platform® identity service which connects educators to innovators, protects student privacy, and includes parents
- Quill a literacy tool that builds students' grammar skills through personalized writing and proofreading activities



"We are thrilled to bring together such a talented and accomplished group of entrepreneurs who are addressing a wide range of challenges in the education sector," said LearnLaunch Managing Director Liam Pisano.

LearnLaunch Accelerator's four-month intensive accelerator program provides edtech startups with seed funding, six months of workspace, strategic guidance on bringing their products to market, and a diverse team of industry-savvy mentors. The companies emerge from the program ready for next stages of funding, deployment, scale and growth. The LearnLaunch Accelerator program will culminate with Demo Day on June 3, 2015, when the startups will pitch their companies to investors to secure follow-on funding. This is the third LearnLaunch Accelerator program since it launched in 2013.

About LearnLaunch Accelerator

LearnLaunch Accelerator (formerly known as LearnLaunchX) is a leading edtech startup program, based in Boston. After a highly selective application process, LearnLaunch Accelerator provides the most promising edtech startups worldwide with seed funding, an unmatched team of mentors, intensive coaching and all the tools needed to grow a successful edtech startup. www.learnlaunch.com/accelerator

About LearnLaunch

LearnLaunch is dedicated to connecting, supporting, and growing greater Boston's education technology ecosystem to drive innovation and transform learning. It offers a vibrant community, educational events, a collaborative co-working space, and a selective accelerator program to promote the growth of the education technology sector in greater Boston, a world education hub. For more information, please visit us at www.learnlaunch.com

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