

What people are saying about APTIP and NMSI.

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The 67 schools in the new National Math and Science Initiative on AP are great examples of the power of quality instruction, more time spent on task, and rigorous, content-focused teacher training. The NMSI schools are having phenomenal success in raising AP scores among minority students. In the single year of implementation to date, the number of African-American and Latino students who scored a 3 or higher on AP exams in math, science, and English jumped more than 70 percent.”

– U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan, July 15, 2010
2010 College Board AP Conference



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We need to move the needle - immediately and sustainably – on student performance in critical STEM areas. Our partnership with NMSI helps accomplish that.”

– Rex Tillerson, Chairman and CEO of Exxon/Mobil which is a major supporter of NMSI and Change the Equation, a non-profit organization recommending APTIP that was launched by the White House and 100 top American CEOs in 2010.

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It gave me something to bring to the table. It showed people I had the ability to do well in college.”

– Rudy Davis, a student in APTIP who was raised by a single mom in Adamsville, Alabama. Davis earned qualifying scores on four AP exams and as a result received \$2 million in scholarship offers. He current is studying biomedical science at Auburn University on a full scholarship.

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I think that [military] families are concerned about education and the challenges that come with moving several times. When I spend time with military kids, you realize that many of them have transferred school six, seven, nine, 10, 16 times, and [face] the challenges that come with moving your child every few years and making sure that their education stays on track. If they're in AP courses, they continue to get that consistent high standard of learning everywhere they go... so that's why we're working with the Math and Science Initiative. It's an organization that's made a commitment to increase Advanced Placement courses for kids in military facilities. And I think they're creating eight new initiatives here in this area.”

– First Lady Michelle Obama, Virginia, July 21, 2011





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I'm convinced for one reason: our scores go up. We've doubled the number of kids and raised our scores 40 percent. This is the first piece to the puzzle. It has changed the way our kids look at themselves. It's changed the way parents look at themselves. It changes everything.”

– Alan Strauss, Assistant Principal, Windsor High School, Connecticut

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The one moment sticks out in my mind was when we got our first year's scores and it just blew all our expectations out of the water.”

– Melody Stacy, AP Statistics teacher, Scott County, Kentucky

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In 30 years of working in education, I have never seen a program have such complete transformative change - in the first year! Parents, community leaders, community members, need to demand that this is going on in their schools.”

– Joanne Lang, President, Advance Kentucky

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We're in big high schools, small high schools, urban, rural, charter and even two vocational-technical high schools. Our future is going to be determined by the kids in these very classrooms, in the next 10 to 15 years. If we wait 10 years to fix it, we're in trouble. Thank goodness that we have corporations like ExxonMobil and others that are willing to say, 'Wait a second. This works. Let's move on it. Now.'”

– Mort Orlov, President, Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative

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You can't expect Exxon to do it all. They have taken a bold step. They have led the way. Other folks who have the means and the wherewithal need to step up and follow Exxon's example, because it is in their best interest. It's in the country's best interest.”

–Governor Mike Beebe, Arkansas

