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**LearnLaunch Announces Full Agenda for Across Boundaries
Conference**
Conference Drawing Record Number of Registrants

BOSTON, MA – JANUARY 5, 2017 – LearnLaunch, along with co-host [MIT Office of Digital Learning](#), unveiled today the full agenda for the upcoming [Across Boundaries Conference](#), to be held on February 2-3, 2017 at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. With a theme of “Personalizing Pathways to Learning and Careers,” the conference will bring together professionals from across the edtech sector, to discuss critical challenges toward moving education practice forward, to play with cutting-edge products, and to learn from leaders in the field.

[Keynotes](#) include:

- John Gabrieli, [Grover Hermann Professor of Health Sciences and Technology and Cognitive Neuroscience at MIT](#), on What Neuroscience has to Say for Education 2.0
- Erik Brynjolfsson, Director of the [MIT Initiative on the Digital Economy](#), Professor at [MIT Sloan School](#), and Research Associate at NBER, on Will a Robot Eat My Job?
- Phyllis Lockett, CEO of [Leap Innovations](#), on Personalizing K-12
- Joseph Aoun, President of [Northeastern University](#), on Personalizing Higher Ed, and
- Tom VanderArk, CEO, [GettingSmart](#), on The State of Edtech

The Conference’s Learning Innovation Showcase will feature the innovations of 25 secondary and higher ed teacher and student teams, ranging from “greengineering” to the application of virtual reality at a local high school. Leading superintendents, including those from the recently launched [MAPLE Consortium](#), will address how to personalize the system as well as the classroom, while pioneer educators will address successful piloting and the latest in research on product efficacy.

Hot topics include sessions on assessment, on simulations and on coding and IOT. Business leaders will address the need for product interoperability, the role of tech giants in edtech, the move to software suites and the use of marketplaces. Leading Investors will take on the role of social impact investing and global opportunities

The five 2017 [LearnLaunch Accelerator](#) Breakthrough Cohort companies will be introduced by Michael Hansen, CEO of Cengage Learning and will demonstrate their products at the Breakthrough Showcase event on Friday, February 3, 2017. They include: [CareAcademy](#), [CourseStorm](#), [Kaymbu](#), [Quality Interactions](#), and [WriteSteps](#).

More than 1,000 entrepreneurs, educators, edtech industry participants, students, and investors will connect with each other and the opportunities presented in five plenary sessions, a pitch competition, 48 concurrent sessions, birds-of-a-feather dinners, and a startup exhibition area - a sneak peek of cutting-edge innovations that are not only transforming learning but also changing the way educational institutions do business.

Sponsors for this year's event include: [McGraw Hill Education](#), [Curriculum Associates](#), [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#), [Parthenon-EY](#), [EF](#), [Pearson](#), [Extension Engine](#), [Vital Source](#), [Nelson Mullins](#), [Google](#), [Ligature Partners](#), [Nutter](#), [Rethink Education](#), [Tyton Partners](#), [Cengage Learning](#), [Bisk](#), [KnowledgeVision](#), and [Credly](#).

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About the LearnLaunch Annual Conference

Since its inception in 2013, the LearnLaunch Conference has grown into the premier edtech for conference in the Northeast. Its mission is to promote dialogue and bring together a diverse set of voices to discuss the most challenging questions facing the edtech industry around digital learning. The Conference empowers the education community to build, use, and deliver effective and engaging digital tools and learning experiences.

About LearnLaunch Institute

LearnLaunch Institute catalyzes a community that drives innovation to transform learning and increase achievement. Our education innovation ecosystem mobilizes educators, entrepreneurs, learners, investors, and industry affiliates. As a nonprofit, the Institute offers learning opportunities and connections to individuals, support services to schools, and a district network. We believe in expanding access to learning that is engaging, personalized, and effective. Edtech is a critical component of achieving this vision at scale. For more information and our upcoming events, visit www.learnlaunch.org or follow us @LearnLaunch.

About LearnLaunch

LearnLaunch is dedicated to connecting, supporting, and investing in the education technology ecosystem to drive innovation and transform learning. We offer a vibrant community, educational events, a collaborative co-working space, and a selective accelerator program to promote the growth of the edtech sector. LearnLaunch is based in Boston, a world education hub. Learn more about LearnLaunch Accelerator, Campus and Institute at www.learnlaunch.com and follow LearnLaunch on Twitter at @learnlaunch.

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