

# DIRECTOR'S REMARKS NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD MEETING

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### IN MEMORY OF ....





### JOHN BROOKS SLAUGHTER NSF DIRECTOR - 1980 TO 1982

### EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON House science committee chairwoman

1934 - 2023

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# NSF'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### STRENGTHENING ESTABLISHED NSF

With investments that expand the frontiers of knowledge and discovery

### INSPIRING MISSING MILLIONS

Using **capacity building and interventions** that enhance and broaden participation

### ACCELERATING TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Through innovative, cross-cutting partnerships and programs

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# STRENGTHENING ESTABLISHED NSF



# KYLE JOHNSON STUDENT, GRFP FELLOW

Computer Science & Engineering University of Washington Advisor: Prof. Vikram lyer





#### PAUL G. ALLEN FAMILY FOUNDATION

# Paul G. Allen Family Foundation Awards

- NSF and Paul G. Allen Family Foundation collaboration: *Partnership to Advance Conservation Science and Practice* (PACSP)
- In 2023, an \$8M co-investment supported 6 projects
- Aims to develop science-based conservation plans and tools to advance biodiversity conservation efforts

#### STRENGTHENING ESTABLISHED NSF



- San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance and lowa State University working to enhance desert tortoises' resilience to climate change
- Success of PACSP spurred new collaboration between NSF and Kavli Foundation
- Neurobiology in Changing
  Ecosystems (NiCE) aims to inform or predict resilience in related neural mechanisms, organisms, or environments

#### STRENGTHENING ESTABLISHED NSF

# NSF Researchers

## "get more from Moore's Law"

- Penn State researchers advance 3D semiconductor integration with 2D materials to reduce chip size and boost computer power and efficiency
- Breakthrough could enable computer chips that are faster, smaller, and with additional capabilities
- New functionalities include improved sensors and enhanced battery management

#### STRENGTHENING ESTABLISHED NSF



## NSF Materials Innovation Platform

- Mid-scale infrastructure program accelerating advances in materials research
- Fosters team-based, highly integrated research, education, and training
- Creates a network of researchers sharing resources and knowledge to expedite discoveries and application

# INSPIRING MISSING MILLIONS

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### GEO BROADENING PARTICIPATION OVERVIEW





Image credit: Allison Heaslet, Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program







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## Dr. Anita Marshall UF Department of Geological Sciences GeoSPACE Founder



# **Empowering Individuals**



Faculty Development in geoSpace Science (FDSS)



Pathways into the Earth, Ocean, Polar and Atmospheric & Geospace Sciences (GEOPAths)



# Changing Culture Through Capacity Building



Cultural Transformation in the Geoscience Community (CTGC) Geoscience Opportunities for Leadership in Diversity – Engaging New scholars (GOLD-EN)



# **Reaching Emerging Institutions**



Paleo Perspectives on Present and Projected Climate (P4CLIMATE)

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# ACCELERATING TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION





### **10 INAUGURAL NSF ENGINES**

- Central Florida Semiconductor Innovation Engine
- Colorado Wyoming Climate Resilience Engine
- Great Lakes Water Innovation Engine
- Louisiana Energy Transition Engine
- North Carolina Textile Innovation and Sustainability Engine
- North Dakota Advanced Agriculture Technology Engine
- Paso del Norte Defense and Aerospace Innovation Engine
- Piedmont Triad Regenerative Medicine Engine
- Southwest Sustainability Innovation Engine
- Upstate New York Energy Storage Engine

#### ACCELERATING TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION



Jill Biden and NSF director talk **'Investing in America'** at Forsyth Tech Community College

#### **ACCELERATING TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION**

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Joe knows the future of the workforce in America starts in high schools, goes to the community colleges and then into great careers. Today's investment of **\$30M** into the state of North Carolina is going to support that and create jobs of the future.

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FIRST LADY **DR. JILL BIDEN** *Winston-Salem News* 

### NSF ENGINES: North Carolina

North Carolina Textile Innovation and Sustainability Engine

 Piedmont Triad Regenerative Medicine Engine









