ISTE Appoints Veteran District Technology and Nonprofit Leader to Board of Directors

WASHINGTON – July 27, 2020 – The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), an education nonprofit that supports the use of technology to accelerate innovation in education, announced Thuan Nguyen as a newly appointed member of the board of directors.

"Thuan’s unique combination of experience as both a district technology leader and the leader of a nonprofit committed to closing the achievement gap will be a strong addition to the ISTE board,” said Bill Bass, president of ISTE’s Board of Directors. “Thuan’s dedication to ensuring today’s students have opportunities for success through engagement with technology is perfectly aligned with ISTE’s mission.”

Nguyen is the chief operating officer of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), the pioneering college readiness nonprofit with a 40-year track record of closing achievement gaps across the U.S. Every year, AVID trains over 85,000 educators, and its programs are implemented in more than 6,400 schools, serving 2 million students. Nguyen joined the team at AVID Center as executive vice president in January 2016 and has served as chief operating officer since 2018. He oversees the implementation of AVID’s strategies and initiatives and technical operations, products, and services, and is responsible for AVID’s digital strategies.

With more than 20 years of experience in education, he has had a range of executive roles in IT, instructional technology, and safety and security, including serving as assistant superintendent and chief digital strategy officer for Kent School District in Washington. Nguyen has also served on advisory boards for a range of technology companies, including Adobe Systems, Cisco Systems, HP Systems and Microsoft.

For more information about the ISTE Board of Directors, visit https://iste.org/about/iste-board.

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About ISTE

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) is a nonprofit organization that works with the global education community to accelerate the use of technology to solve tough problems and inspire innovation. Our worldwide network believes in the potential technology holds to transform teaching and learning.

ISTE sets a bold vision for education transformation through the ISTE Standards, a framework for students, educators, administrators, coaches and computer science educators to rethink education and create innovative learning environments. ISTE hosts the annual ISTE Conference & Expo, one of the world’s most influential edtech events. The organization’s professional learning offerings include online courses, professional networks, year-round academies, peer-reviewed journals and other publications. ISTE is also the leading publisher of books focused on technology in education. For more information or to become an ISTE member, visit iste.org.