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STEAM Academy at Six Nations Polytechnic joins Actua as its 39th Network Member

Ottawa, August 21, 2019/ Today, Actua announced Six Nations Polytechnic (SNP) STEAM Academy as its newest network member. Based in Brantford, Ontario, SNP STEAM Academy is Actua's 39th national network member, and 15th in Ontario.

"It's an exciting day for Actua as we officially welcome Six Nations Polytechnic STEAM Academy as our newest network member" said Jennifer Flanagan, CEO of Actua. "SNP STEAM Academy is doing incredible work engaging local Indigenous youth, ensuring they have the opportunity to build skills and confidence in STEAM, and preparing them for the future of work. We look forward to helping them with even deeper impact programming and reaching more local youth."

SNP STEAM Academy's work with Actua will focus on engaging youth through for-credit school workshops and land-based camp programs in Brantford and Ohsweken, both in Ontario. They offer programming primarily for youth in high school, offering customized programs for all youth with significant focus on engaging Indigenous youth.

"At the SNP STEAM Academy, our innovative application of Indigenous knowledge and culture supports personal growth along with knowledge and skill development," said Rebecca Jamieson, President & CEO of Six Nations Polytechnic. "Actua's support of SNP STEAM Academy student success is helping us to offer a broader range of meaningful learning opportunities and is very much appreciated."

As part of Actua's growing network, SNP STEAM Academy contributes to a national strategy for equipping Canadian youth with skills and experience in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Directors and instructors receive access to outstanding training, resources, and day-to-day support as they grow their programs. They also participate in and receive financial support for their involvement in Actua's national programs designed specifically to engage underserved youth.

About Six Nations STEAM Academy at Six Nations Polytechnic: Six Nations Polytechnic (SNP) is recognized by community, government and institutions of higher learning, as a centre of excellence for Indigenous Knowledge. SNP has over 25 years of post-secondary success in partnership with forty percent of Ontario's publicly funded universities and colleges. The SNP STEAM Academy is a unique STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) focused secondary school to college model. Programming at the SNP STEAM Academy incorporates enhanced students supports, industry driven programming, and a more individualized and culturally sensitive learning environment to support student success.



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About Actua: Actua is Canada's largest science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) youth outreach network representing 39 university and college-based members. Each year, Actua's growing network of member organizations reach over 250,000 young Canadians in 500 communities nationwide. Actua focuses on the engagement of underrepresented youth through specialized programs for Indigenous youth, girls and young women, at-risk youth and youth living in Northern and remote communities. Its national InSTEM program reaches over 35,000 Indigenous youth per year in over 200 Indigenous communities. Actua's major funding partners include: Government of Canada, Google Canada, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, RBC Foundation, Suncor Energy Foundation, TD, Microsoft Canada, Finning Canada, Imperial, Toyota Canada Foundation, GE Canada, Mastercard, CIRA and Lockheed Martin Canada. For more information about Actua, visit actua.ca.

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