Knowles Academy Teacher Professional Development Courses Announced

Registration is Open for Summer Courses and Funding is Now Available

Moorestown, N.J., June 9, 2021 – The Knowles Teacher Initiative today announced that it will host four online teacher professional development courses this summer through the Knowles Academy. The Knowles Academy offers state-of-the-art professional development experiences that are designed for teachers by teachers.

Knowles is using the proceeds from past annual giving campaigns to subsidize registration fees for its online Academy courses, reducing the cost to $100 per course. Since launching the Knowles Academy in 2018, nearly 300 teachers have attended Academy courses, with more than 60 of those teachers receiving funding made possible by the generosity of donors. Visit the Knowles website to learn more about available funding.

"Over the last year, many teachers have experienced a profound sense of isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic," stated Jeff Rozelle, Vice President of Programs, Knowles Teacher Initiative. "Through our Knowles Academy online courses, we are excited to provide teachers with the opportunity to connect and collaborate while strengthening their teaching practice."

Jesse Braxton, a chemistry teacher at Central High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, said, "The way mathematics is woven into the Patterns Approach curriculum actually makes the physics concepts more accessible, especially for students who have previously struggled with math. The training itself was enjoyable because the curriculum is fun, and I believe Patterns Physics will be accessible, enjoyable, and educational for my students."

The following Knowles Academy courses will be offered online in summer 2021:

> Engaging Math and Science Students in Engineering Design
> Physics for the Next Generation: The Patterns Approach
> Implementing Teacher Coaching to Improve Classroom Practice and Student Learning
> Designing Instructional Tasks to Increase Student Engagement and Learning in Math