



American Paradigm Schools' CEO Led Discussions at 13th Annual Tesla Spirit Conference

Philadelphia, PA; January 14, 2025—Ashley Redfearn, Chief Executive Officer of American Paradigm Schools (APS) recently joined the Tesla Science Foundation (TSF) on Saturday, January 11 for its 13th annual Tesla Spirit Conference and Award ceremony, where she hosted a discussion on Tesla as an Inspiration to Develop a Culture of Science in Educational Settings. Todd Smith, Assistant Principal of Tacony Academy Charter School, Mohamed Hassan, Director of Data and Digital Programs for American Paradigm Schools, and Eden Joliffe from Wild Things Preserve joined Redfearn at the conference.

As the Executive Director & Director of Education for TSF, Redfearn led and moderated the conversation on Tesla as an Inspiration to Develop a Culture of Science in Educational Settings. APS is a long-standing partner of TSF with all four of its schools involved in the "Introducing Tesla to Schools in America" project, educating students around the world on the knowledge of Nikola Tesla and his work, through art, music, and science. APS' Tacony Academy continues to lead the way in S.T.E.A.M. education as the first school in the U.S. to utilize the Tesla curriculum.

"Advancing Tesla's legacy through education and innovation remains at the forefront of our work at both APS and TSF. Incorporating his forward-thinking ideas into modern education and inspiring the next generation of scholars and innovators is deeply rewarding," said Ashley Redfearn, CEO of American Paradigm Schools. "Hosting this year's panel discussion on Tesla as an Inspiration to Develop a Culture of Science in Educational Settings further exemplifies APS' commitment to S.T.E.A.M. education in all of our schools, and I was proud to be a part of this year's conference in New York City.

To learn more about Tesla Clubs in Schools, please visit teslasciencefoundation.org and for more information on APS, please visit ap-schools.org.

About American Paradigm Schools

American Paradigm Schools (APS) is a nonprofit charter management organization that supports and serves four charter schools in North and Northeast Philadelphia. These schools are: First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School; Lindley Academy Charter School; Memphis Street Academy; and Tacony Academy Charter School. For more information, visit www.ap-schools.org.



American Paradigm Schools are dedicated to equity and excellence for all learners, while celebrating the uniqueness of our communities. Our values drive our dedication to providing a world class education.

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