



Over 50 educators participated from across the nation



# Innovation Is for All!

*The 2017 National Summer Teacher's Institute on Innovation and Intellectual Property gave teachers from throughout the United States the tools to bring discovery, innovation, and the concepts of intellectual property to their classrooms.*

More than 50 elementary, middle, and high school teachers came together this past July 16–21 in Denver, Colorado, to participate in the United States Patent and Trademark Office's fourth annual National Summer Teachers Institute on Innovation and Intellectual Property.

Offered in collaboration with the University of Denver's Project X-ITE, the program combined training and team-based projects to help teachers incorporate concepts of making, inventing, and innovation into their classrooms. The focus was on the creation of intellectual property that may have commercial value and is protectable under patent, trademark, copyright, or trade secret laws.

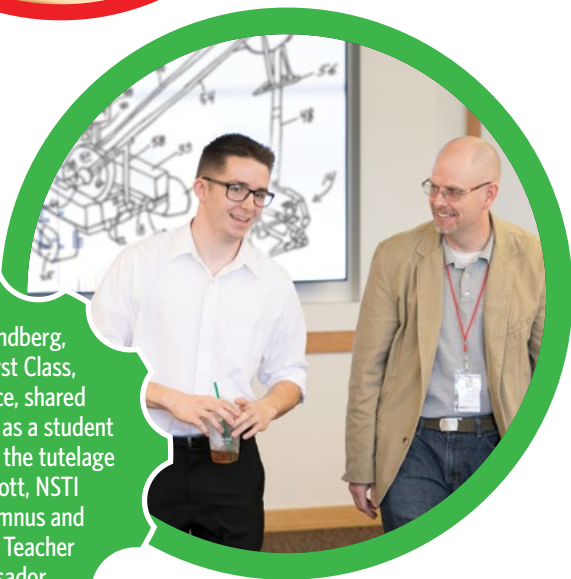
The program ended with teams of participants pitching inventions to a panel of judges led by the director of the USPTO's Rocky Mountain Regional Office, along with academics and IP practitioners.

"Innovation is for all!" exclaimed one participant. "I appreciated the collaboration across states, contents, and expertise."

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Teams participated in hands-on activities ideally suited for teaching youth about IP, innovation, and entrepreneurship.



Ford Grundberg, Airman First Class, U.S. Air Force, shared his experience as a student inventor under the tutelage of Doug Scott, NSTI teacher alumnus and this year's Teacher Ambassador.



At week's end, teams pitched their inventions to a panel of outside judges.

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