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The National STEM Guitar Project will host a Guitar Building Institute at Mesa Community College March 14-18. The five-day educator/student institute combines instructional activities and training on science, technology, engineering and math with hands-on applied learning guitar building techniques. The result is an experience that engages middle, high school and post-secondary students and sparks excitement for learning STEM subject matter, according to a press release.

Phoenix/Mesa area educator registration is funded through a grant from The National Science Foundation (#1304405) in partnership with Advanced Technological Education Centers. The national STEM Guitar Project hosts fully-funded Guitar Building Institutes around the U.S. annually since 2008, impacting nearly 6,000 students nationally.

Each faculty member builds his/her own custom electric guitar and engages in student-centered learning activities that relate the guitar design to specific math, science and engineering topics. Participants leave the week-long experience with their custom-made guitars, curriculum modules with short term assessments that can be immediately integrated into the faculty team school curriculum, according to the release.

The last day of the Guitar Building Institute is "Rock Star Friday," a guitar-driven event where the newly built, customized guitars will be showcased and the educators are celebrated. The general public and guests are free to attend the "Rock Star Friday" event on March 18.

For more information, go to http://www.guitarbuilding.org/.

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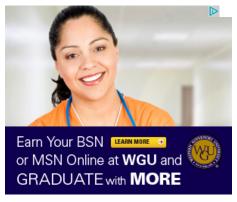
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