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## NAI ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT



### MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

*"[NAI is]filling a void by providing a mechanism to honor and nurture academic inventors... Your commitment to being engaged in the intellectual property system is what will generate a new hope for our future" - Kathi Vidal, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office*

### Dear Friends,

On behalf of the National Academy of Inventors' Board of Directors and staff, I am pleased to present this year's Activities Report.

As the Academy approaches its 14th year, I am amazed at just how much it's grown. The Academy now has over 1,736 Fellows, 430 Senior Members, 250 Member Institutions, and Chapters comprising over 2,000 members. Together, we are transforming the culture of innovation on local, state, and national levels. Today, NAI is the leading authority on academic invention, and is one of the three honorific organizations recognized by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

While it's important to acknowledge how far we've come, we must always look ahead. After all, is that not what innovation is about?

As we look into the future, we are identifying challenges that beset the innovation ecosystem and are working to create solutions.

As part of this, we are continuing to work with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to expand both NAI and USPTO resources to better serve underrepresented communities in the innovation ecosystem, as well as create new programs tailored to ensuring every inventor has the tools they need to succeed. We are also continuously working to identify barriers and create solutions that facilitate the translation of inventions from ideation to marketplace.

As always, part of our mission is recognizing and celebrating the work of our academic inventors. Through our Fellows program, Senior Member program, and Chapters, we are honored to recognize innovators at every stage of their inventive career and provide them platforms to share their work and achievements. Our Invention Insider interview series, as well as our From Campus to Commerce video series, allows us to recognize our inventors even further, giving our members a place to share their personal innovation journeys and their successes.

As we tackle the challenges of both today and tomorrow, I know the members of this Academy will continue to be the driving force of innovation, defining the future of society and creating real-world impact. To date, NAI Fellows have generated over 13,000 licensed technologies in pursuit of this goal, and created significant economic impact as well, with their technologies creating over 1 million jobs and over \$3 trillion in revenue.

Thank you for your continued support of the Academy, and please remember that we exist to honor and support you.

*Sincerely,*  
**Paul R. Sanberg, FNAI**  
President  
The National Academy of Inventors

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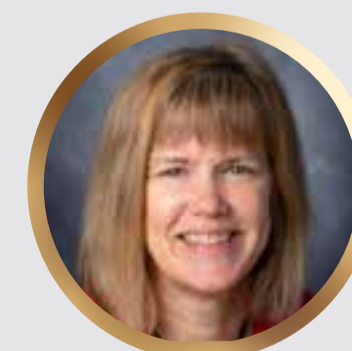
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