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Network Vision Statement
As an associate professor in the Teacher Education Department at Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with a degree in Educational Psychology and concentration in Gifted Education, I have been teaching courses in the areas of Early Childhood/Elementary (grades pre-k – 4) education and elementary mathematics education for nine years. Previously, I was a kindergarten-grade 5 enrichment and gifted education teacher. Additionally, I have been an active member of NAGC’s STEM Network, am a former chair of the Computers and Technology Network, and previously served on the Advisory Board for Teaching of High Potential. Throughout my professional experiences, engaging students in and promoting STEM learning has been an interest of mine. As a candidate for the Chair Elect of the STEM Network, I look forward to working with network members and members of the wider NAGC community to explore best practices in integrated STEM education for talent development.