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## Teacher Shares Research Experience at National Science Foundation

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In the spring of 2010, University of Arizona, selected Rama Rao Cheepurupalli from Luz Guerrero Early College Academy to participate in the Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) program supported by the CISE Pathways to Revitalized Undergraduate Computing Education (CPATH) program at the National Science Foundation (NSF).

As part of the RET program, Rama Rao Cheepurupalli took part in a six-week research activity during the summer and worked with Dr. Snodgrass at University of Arizona to create activities that are being used to integrate Computational Thinking (CT) into K-12 classes during the 2010-2011 school year.

On Thursday and Friday, February 24-25, 2011 Rama Rao Cheepurupalli participated in the annual CPATH RET Meeting in Arlington, VA. During this two-day meeting, RET teachers had the opportunity to connect with other RET participants from institutions throughout the country to share their experiences. It was a wonderful exchange of ideas and innovative solutions for integrating CT into their K-12 classrooms and schools.

The RET teachers also interacted with NSF program officers and staff during a poster session where teachers highlighted their various RET activities. As a result of this meeting, teachers gained valuable insight, vital information, and most of all, the sense of being part of a unique community of educators.



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