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SPEAKER: Throughout this introduction, pictures of students, their teachers, families, and community activities are shown.

TINA HERZBERG: Welcome to the course. I'm Dr. Tina Herzberg, and I'm principal investigator of Project Inspire, increasing the STEM potential of individuals who read Braille. I have a love of Braille that began when I was a teacher of students with visual impairments. I enjoyed every minute of teaching Braille to two students in neighboring small towns in central Texas.

In 2007, I came to the University of South Carolina Upstate to prepare teachers of students with visual impairments. My favorite courses to teach are our two Braille courses. The Project Inspire team has put together this course to support you in building your own skills so that you can better support Braille readers in STEM courses.

I'm very appreciative of all of our team, many of whom are behind the scenes. Once again, welcome to the course. I'm so glad that you're here. I hope you have a great learning experience.

PENNY ROSENBLUM: Hi. I'm Penny Rosenblum. My background is in the field of visual impairment, initially as a teacher of students with visual impairment, and many years spent preparing teachers of students with visual impairments. I often taught advanced Braille courses.

Currently, I'm the Director of Research for the American Foundation for the Blind. I'm pleased to be a consultant on Project Inspire, and you'll often be hearing my voice as the Narrator of the courses. I'm excited that you're here, and I hope what you learn you'll be able to apply in your own work with students with visual impairments.