

## **The Mission of the Kaput Center**

The Kaput Center for Research and Innovation in STEM Education at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth has been established in the spirit and vision of James Kaput, whose innovative thinking and leadership inspired many in the field of mathematics education. The purpose of this Center is to provide a focus and support for sustained investigation of foundational issues in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, issues that will be chosen to enhance and deepen ongoing research by its members and associates. The Center is an interdisciplinary research unit where fundamental problems in STEM education will be studied, discussed and analyzed through conferences, interdisciplinary colloquium series, basic research and development, commissioned reports, and think-tank meetings.