‘Variety’s the very spice of life.’  
– William Cowper, English Poet (1731-1800)

I’d like to think at least one article in every issue of The Pitsco Network connects with each of our 6,500 loyal readers. If that bold statement produced a chuckle or a skeptical thought, I’ll reduce my bravado to this statement – I’m confident this issue has something that will pique your interest.

No matter your education focus, this issue has something for you because it is packed with a cornucopia of educational solutions being implemented across the country. Here’s a sampling of the smorgasbord:

- **Elementary engineering (pp 16-24)** – If you’re interested in following the engineering movement occurring in classrooms across the U.S., then you’ll be intrigued to learn about the first engineering-focused elementary school in South Carolina. Numerous articles will introduce you to the unique learning environment of A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering in Greenville, South Carolina.

- **Reading intervention . . . in high school (pg 9)** – How about a high school reading intervention program? Pitsco’s Reading & Robots program was recently implemented in Kansas City, Missouri, and the facilitator of the program, who had zero background in building and programming robots, talks about the motivational components of the unique program.

- **Middle College program (pg 28)** – If you’re looking for an article that restores your belief that anything in education is possible, then make sure to read through the wonderful success being experienced by students in Berkeley County, South Carolina. This district near Charleston implemented Pitsco’s Star Academy dropout prevention program in 2008, and not only has it positively impacted the targeted group of students at risk of dropping out, but the district also found that 25% of the students in their recently implemented Middle College program are graduates of the Star Academy.

- **School Improvement Grant monies (pg 8)** – Want to learn more about the federal education dollars being awarded across the country? Principal Anthony Holland of Carolina High School & Academy details his plans for using recently awarded funds to turn around his school. The school is implementing three classrooms of Pitsco solutions – a Health Science program, a second hands-on Algebra program, and a Reading & Robots program.

- **Diagnostic-prescriptive curriculum for Pre-Algebra and Algebra (pg 3)** – Do you have students desperately needing an alternative solution to traditional pre-algebra and algebra instruction? If so, read about the current development of Individualized Prescriptive Lessons due to release in summer 2011.

- **Module updates (pp 27, 30-31)** – If you are a veteran Modules teacher, especially in a Technology Education lab, you’ll be interested to learn about recent updates to always-popular Modules such as Alternative Energy, CADD, and Robots.

So, did I make good on my promise of providing something in your area of interest? Thanks for being part of Pitsco’s mission, “To lead educational change that positively affects learners!”