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Dear <<First Name>>,

You are receiving the first edition of this Lemelson-MIT Program newsletter developed for the community of inventors because we consider you to be an important member of the invention community. We are thankful for the financial and other in-kind support that champions like yourself provide across the year, and for the educators, students and mid-career inventors (and their nominators) who make us proud!

As a newcomer to the Lemelson-MIT Program (I became Executive Director in July 2016), I am impressed by the vast networks of people coming together to solve social problems that will make the world a better place. The impact of our collective efforts is especially visible when one looks across time. In this newsletter, you'll see two female InvenTeam alumnae who attended the 2013 and 2016 White House Science Fair featured in *Wired* magazine's November issue guest-edited by former President Obama. You'll also read about a former InvenTeam that recently received a U.S. patent for their invention.

In 2017, we hope to expand opportunities for people of all ages and at all stages of development to enter into and thrive as part of the community of inventors. We want to build upon our current program offerings and partner with other entities doing similar work in order to create pathways for inventors that maximizes their capacity to make a positive difference in the world.

We hope we can count on your continued engagement and support for our work in the year ahead. Please feel free to email me at scouch@mit.edu if you would like to get more involved or if you have suggestions for improving the program. In the meantime, please know how grateful we are for your support to date.

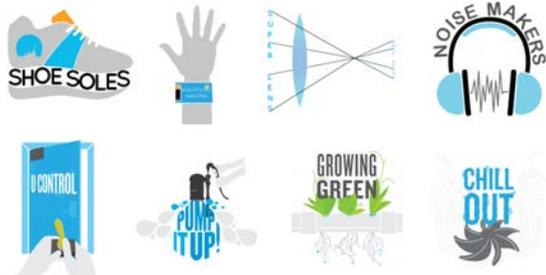
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Couch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Couch, PhD
Executive Director
Lemelson-MIT Program

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FREE INVENTION EDUCATION CURRICULUM NOW ONLINE

Educators all over the world can download eight JV InvenTeam activity guides from the Lemelson-MIT website to use in their classroom, afterschool program or summer camp. Invention kits and professional development will be available for a fee in 2017.



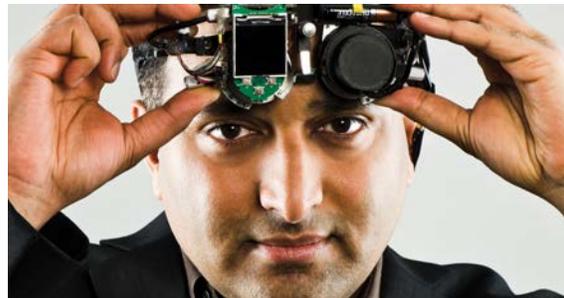
SKATEBOARDING AND INNOVATION MIX IT UP IN CAMBRIDGE

Lemelson-MIT partnered with Smithsonian's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation to bring their traveling skateboarding festival INNOSKATE to Cambridge. MIT's Allan Adams, and Professor (Peko) Hosoi joined skateboarding legend Rodney Mullen to kick-off the event at MIT.



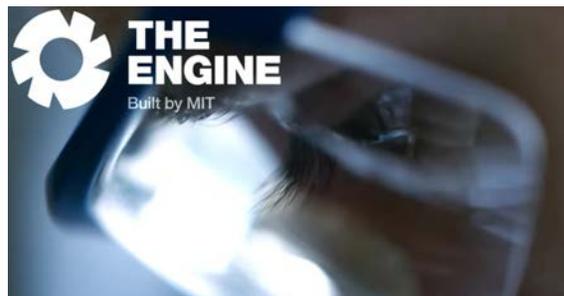
15 STUDENT INVENTEAMS SET SIGHTS ON INVENTING

The 2016-2017 InvenTeams have launched invention projects and are solving real-world problems in their communities. Initial InvenTeam grant applications for 2017-2018 are open until April 10.



IMAGING SCIENTIST AND SOCIAL IMPACT INVENTOR WINS \$500K

The 2016 \$500,000 Lemelson-MIT Prize was awarded to MIT's Ramesh Raskar of the Camera Culture research group at the Media Lab. He was honored during a special presentation at EmTech MIT.



CIMA NAMED 2016 FELLOW OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

Lemelson-MIT Faculty Director, Prof. Michael Cima was among the prestigious list of academic inventors elected to the 2016 class of NAI Fellows.



FORMER INVENTEAM FEATURED IN SPECIAL ISSUE OF WIRED MAGAZINE

Kiona Elliot and Payton Karr were InvenTeam alumnae from Northeast High School in Florida and participated at the White House Science Fair in 2013 and 2016. They were featured in *Wired* as the young scientists behind Obama's favorite science projects.

NEW MIT INITIATIVE AND "PATHWAYS TO INVENTION"

Lemelson-MIT will be supporting the development of "Pathways to Invention"- a key part of MIT's newest enterprise known as The Engine.



FORMER MASS. INVENTEAM AWARDED U.S. PATENT

The 2013 Natick High School InvenTeam from Massachusetts received a U.S. patent for their ice search and rescue remotely operated vehicle. This is the fourth InvenTeam to have received a patent for their invention project.



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