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Dear <<First Name>>,

We are very grateful for the tremendous support we receive from our readers. Thank you for opening our emails, offering feedback, and for connecting us to opportunities to grow and expand our work.

This summer the Lemelson-MIT Program was able to offer two three-day invention education professional development workshops (one on the west coast and one on the east coast) to nearly 100 teachers. Within days of the workshops our in-boxes were filled with stories of the ways teachers intend to take-up invention education in their classrooms during the next school year. Please join me in giving a virtual applause to these creative and inventive educators and the learning opportunities they will bring to students.

I hope you are having a great summer!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Couch, PhD
Executive Director
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FEMALE STUDENT PRIZE WINNERS CELEBRATED AS STEM INVENTORS
Girl Talk HQ, a daily women’s news media site with a mission to inspire and empower, interviewed the young women who won this year’s Lemelson-MIT Student Prize competition and who are closing the gender gap in the world of tech and invention.

A CONVERSATION WITH SOCIAL IMPACT INVENTOR RAMESH RASKAR
The Lemelson Foundation caught up with last year’s $500,000 Lemelson-MIT Prize winner Ramesh Raskar to talk about his research, his passions and his take on the future of invention education.

2017 $500K LEMELSON-MIT PRIZE WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED
The 2017 $500,000 Lemelson-MIT Prize winner will be revealed on Tuesday, September 19. In the meantime, if you know a mid-career inventor who is eligible to win next year’s prize, please nominate them! Nominations are being accepted until November 30.

THE TOP 100 WORLDWIDE UNIVERSITIES GRANTED THE MOST U.S. UTILITY PATENTS
The National Academy of Inventors (NAI) and Intellectual Property Owners Association ranked the top 100 universities worldwide that were granted the most U.S. Utility patents in 2016.

NVBOTS WINS SBANE NEW ENGLAND INNOVATION AWARD
New Valance Robotics (NVBOTS), a Boston-based startup, recently won the SBANE New England Innovation Award. The company specializes in the development of intelligent robotic systems that can adapt to changing environments.

STUDENT PRIZE WINNER FROM TEAM SIGNALOUD SPEAKS AT WE
YOUNG INVENTORS FEATURED AT EUREKAFEST 2017

EurekaFest 2017 drew more than 200 educators and high school inventors from 14 sites (i.e. InvenTeams) and nine college students from across the United States who won the Lemelson-MIT Student Prize for their inventiveness. The student prize winners discussed their inventions to a crowd of young aspiring inventors.

THOMAS PRYOR AT WE DAY 2017

Thomas Pryor, an undergraduate team winner in the 2016 Lemelson-MIT “Use it!” category spoke at WE Day in Seattle. WE Day is a youth oriented event designed to inspire youth to create positive social impact in their lives. He spoke about his invention, SignAloud and the importance of empowering diverse communities.

CALLING ALL INVENTIVE COLLEGE STUDENTS AND THEIR ADVISORS

We are searching for the most inventive team of undergraduates and individual graduate students at colleges and universities nationwide to compete in the 2018 Lemelson-MIT Student Prize. If you or a student you know has a working tech-based invention in the prize categories of healthcare, food and agriculture, transportation, or consumer devices, they could win up to $15K for their work.

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