



June 12, 2017

Dear <<First Name>>,

We're hosting our 11th annual EurekaFest event this week and I couldn't be more excited to celebrate the inventive accomplishments and hard work of high school student InvenTeams, educators, and collegiate Lemelson-MIT Student Prize winners. Many of you are educators, mentors, and faculty who support the development of young inventors. I applaud the work that you do and hope many more teachers will join you in providing such opportunities to their students. We're hosting invention education workshops on the east and west coast in July to help educators launch invention education programs.

Summer is around the corner which means that the school year is ending for many educators. I wish you all a relaxing, enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Couch, PhD
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2017 LEMELSON-MIT STUDENT PRIZE WINNERS: LEADING 'EARLY CAREER' INVENTORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES

Nine collegiate inventors across the country consisting of five individual graduate students and four undergraduate teams won the 2017 Lemelson-MIT Student Prize for their ingenious inventions. Learn more about these students and their inventions.



THREE DAY WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS WHO WANT TO START INVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS ON THE EAST AND WEST COAST

The Lemelson-MIT Program is offering three-day workshops in July in Massachusetts and California for educators interested in launching invention education programs.



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING YOUNG INVENTORS AT EUREKAFEST

Join the Lemelson-MIT Program's free day-long public celebration of teams of high school student inventors from 15 sites (i.e. InvenTeams) and nine college students from across the United States who rose to the top in a national competition for their inventiveness. InvenTeams and college Student Prize winners will present and showcase prototypes of their inventions at EurekaFest on Friday, June 16, 2017 at MIT.



MIT STUDENT INSPIRED BY HIGH SCHOOL INVENTEAM EXPERIENCE

Katelyn Sweeney, a third year student in mechanical engineering at MIT, had no interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) until by accident she was placed in a technology class with an inspiring teacher who helped transform her into a high school InvenTeam leader, presenter at the 2014 White House Science Fair, and a U.S. patent holder. Learn more about Katelyn's journey.

INVENTEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS CELEBRATED IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

InvenTeams are encouraged to engage with their local community to gain support for their work. Teams use social media as a platform to communicate, in addition to local presentations. Charles R. Drew Charter School InvenTeam was interviewed by their local NBC station, Amy Poehler's Smart Girls interviewed DIY Girls InvenTeam members, STEM School Chattanooga InvenTeam practiced their EurekaFest presentation with CodeScience, and Ocean Research & Conservation Association (ORCA) wrote an article about The Pine School InvenTeam in their newsletter. Read about the InvenTeam's collaboration with ORCA.



INVENTEAM TEACHER ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

We recently caught up with Rachel Thibault from the 2014 SOAR (Students on the Academic Rise) High School InvenTeam, located in Lancaster, Calif. to find out what happened after the school's InvenTeam grant ended and asked her to reflect back on her InvenTeam teaching experience.



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