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Second Annual Northern Kentucky Youth Science Summit is Nov. 14

STEM event for teens to take place at Northern Kentucky University

Louisville, KY (October 29, 2015) – Kentucky Science Center announced today the second annual Northern Kentucky Youth Science Summit, which will take place on Saturday, November 14 at Northern Kentucky University's CINSAM facility in Highland Heights, Kentucky.

Created by the Science Center's Youth Infusion Board, the Youth Science Summit provides a platform for high school students ages 13-18 to explore real world careers in science and technology. Students explore – through direct interaction with practicing scientists, engineers and technicians – the problems, issues and challenges faced by these STEM professionals. Teams of youth, under the guidance of mentors from the region's many industries and research facilities, will research and respond to challenges facing Kentucky in coming decades. The event is presented by Ashland, Inc. and hosted by Northern Kentucky University's CINSAM Program.

"In these innovation sessions, high school students will get first-hand experience in the world of a real STEM professional," said Science Center Manager of Public Programs and Events, Andrew Spence. "Think 'Model United Nations' but highly specified for real-world science issues."

The schedule for the program will also include interaction with the Kentucky Academy of Science during their prestigious annual conference as well as an optional Planetarium show for all participating students and adults.

"As a company that's focused on providing STEM-related learning activities for our youth, Ashland is pleased to sponsor this year's summit. I'm sure program participants will benefit richly from all they will be exposed to, and NKY's CINSAM facility will provide a stimulating learning environment," said Daryl Love, Ashland's Manager of Community Relations.

The Northern Kentucky Youth Science Summit is the second in that region, and joins the ranks of similar summits held over the last four years in Louisville, Lexington and Paducah. To date, over 1000 students have participated in these innovative conferences, gaining valuable experience and insight into high-demand STEM careers.

The cost to attend the 2015 Northern Kentucky Youth Science Summit is \$25 per student and includes a light breakfast and lunch in addition to an event t-shirt. The summit begins at 8:00 A.M. and will end at 4:30 P.M. These tickets are available in advance by calling (502) 560-7128 or visiting KYScienceCenter.org.

About the Kentucky Science Center (KYScienceCenter.org)

Kentucky Science Center is a nonprofit educational institution that encourages people of all ages to do science in engaging, educational and entertaining ways to inspire a lifetime of learning. Designated the "State Science Center of Kentucky" by the 2002 Kentucky General Assembly, Kentucky Science Center features interactive exhibits and engaging programs for children, families and adults. Kentucky Science Center is committed to growing a scientifically literate community that investigates, questions, and challenges.

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