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Kentucky Science Center awards LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS to *imagiSTEM* contest winners
*Fifty Pre-K through 12th Grade students dream up everything
from floating cities to automatic bed makers and win statewide art contest*

Louisville, KY (February 25, 2014) – Today, Kentucky Science Center awarded LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS, or *Foreverships*, to fifty Pre-K – 12th Grade students from across the state as winners of the *imagiSTEM* contest. This first-ever Kentucky Science Center contest blended science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) – and art! Students were encouraged to think about how they see STEM impacting or involved in their future lives.

“The *imagiSTEM* contest generated so many visionary ideas about the future, from a hydro-powered refrigerator and floating cities to a bed that makes itself,” said Science Center Executive Director Joanna Haas. “We are inspired to know that children have such big, vivid views of how to make the world function better, be more effective and efficient, and even more fun! What a better way to reward this innovation than with the opportunity to stay connected with us at the Science Center for a lifetime!”

This is the first time the Science Center has ever awarded *Foreverships* to contest winners. *Foreverships* are annual memberships, but with a “forever” clause. For each student’s lifetime, they will enjoy the same perks as an Individual Plus membership to the Science Center, full access to Science Center permanent exhibits, countless discounts on programs and events, and free or discounted admission to over 300 reciprocal museums and science centers worldwide for the winner and one guest. Further membership benefits can be found at KYScienceCenter.org/members.html.

Participants were anonymously judged in five separate age groups: Pre-K, K – 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade – 5th Grade, 6th Grade – 8th Grade, and 9th Grade – 12th Grade. Entries were judged by staff and also guests at the Science Center’s annual fundraising gala, *Science with a Twist: It’s All Fun and Games* on January 25, 2014.

Kentucky Science Center will begin posting each winning student’s design once a day on their Facebook page, beginning today. Be sure to ‘like’ our page to receive updates and view these designs at Facebook.com/KentuckyScienceCenter.

Ideas like those created in the *imagiSTEM* contest are inspired daily when a child or adult visits Kentucky Science Center. We rely on gifts from community members to keep our programs thriving for future scientists. To make a gift to Kentucky Science Center’s Annual Fund for Science, please visit KYScienceCenter.org/give.

About Kentucky Science Center (KYScienceCenter.org)

Kentucky Science 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.

