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Second annual Lexington Youth Science Summit is Saturday, June 28 *STEM event for teens to take place at Lexmark International, Inc. in Lexington*

Louisville, KY (June 26, 2014) –Kentucky Science Center announced today the second annual Lexington Youth Science Summit, which will take place on Saturday, June 28 at Lexmark International, Inc. (NYSE: LXX) in Lexington.

Created by the Science Center’s Youth Infusion Board, the Youth Science Summit provides a platform for middle and high school students ages 11-18 to dialogue on hot science topics, to interact with leading professionals in speed mentoring sessions and hands-on industry labs, and to advocate for advancement in science, technology, engineering and math. The event is presented by Lexmark with support from Ashland, Inc. and LG&E and KU. Time Warner Cable is the official media partner.

“There is a growing community of young people across our state who are not only passionate about science, but also see it radically changing the landscape of our communities and want to harness that for future good,” said Science Center Executive Director Joanna Haas. “The Youth Science Summit is designed to cultivate that passion and ideation in our community, whether you are a rising 6th grader with a passion for studying astronomy or a high school senior who can’t wait to earn her college degree in computer science.”

The 2014 Lexington Youth Science Summit will feature on-site lab experiences, distance learning opportunities with esteemed institutions from across the continent and include interactions with presenting partners in a “reverse science fair” where local STEM institutions present their innovations to attending students. Partners such as University of Kentucky, Newton’s Attic, Tempur+Sealy and Awesome, Inc. will be integral to this year’s Lexington Youth Science Summit in addition to several Kentucky colleges and universities who will be displaying their flagship programs and educating students on the ways to earn college credits, lower tuition rates and get involved in STEM topics early.

“Lexmark is focused on supporting STEM education and initiatives in the communities where employees work and live,” said Marty Canning, Lexmark executive vice president and president of Imaging Solutions and Services. “We welcome Kentucky students on campus for hands-on STEM learning opportunities at this year’s Lexington Youth Science Summit.”

Participating students will rotate from one experience to another throughout the day, ensuring a diverse and unique conference-like experience for each attendee. Providing the keynote address in the morning is Steve Morriss, Founder & Director of Close the Loop, Ltd, a game changing business model that now employs over 200 people in Australia and the USA. Morriss started Close the Loop® (CtL), in early 2001, and the company immediately changed the game for takeback and recycling of cartridges globally, by giving cartridge manufacturers a voluntary, co-operative product stewardship program long before the trend even started for other products.

This year, Youth Science Summit participants will also experience exclusive facility tours onsite at Lexmark. Student facility tours will include Lexmark’s state-of-the-art model shop, where students can see how prototype parts are made using 3D printers and CNC machines, and Lexmark’s usability lab where printers are tested for user-friendliness. Additionally, visits to the metrology lab and packaging labs will be included in these facility tours.

The cost to attend the 2014 Louisville 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 9:00 a.m. and will end at 4:30 p.m. Tickets for the middle school and Girls STEM track are SOLD OUT, but a few tickets remain for the high school track. These tickets are available in advance by calling (502) 561-6100, ext. 6111 or visiting www.KYScienceCenter.org.

About the Kentucky Science Center (KYScienceCenter.org)

Kentucky Science Center is a nonprofit educational institution that encourages people of all ages to enjoy science, mathematics and technology in a stimulating and engaging environment that is educational as well as entertaining. Designated the “State Science Center of Kentucky” by the 2002 Kentucky General Assembly, Kentucky Science Center features interactive exhibit experiences 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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