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## **Third annual Lexington Youth Science Summit is Saturday, June 27** *STEM event for teens to take place at Lexmark International, Inc. in Lexington*

**Louisville, KY** (June 2, 2015) – Kentucky Science Center announced today the third annual Lexington Youth Science Summit, which will take place on Saturday, June 27 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, interact with leading professionals in speed mentoring sessions and hands-on industry labs, and advocate for advancement in science, technology, engineering and math. The event is presented by Lexmark. Time Warner Cable: Connect A Million Minds is the official media partner.

"The Youth Science Summit is designed to cultivate passion and ideation across the Commonwealth," said Science Center Executive Director Joanna Haas. "Whether a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader with a knack for writing code or a high school senior who can't wait to earn her college degree in geological science, Youth Science Summit brings together 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."

The 2015 Lexington Youth Science Summit will feature on-site lab experiences and hands-on experiences with organizations from across Kentucky and will 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, Kre8Now Makerspace, Alltech, Kentucky Innovation Network and Awesome, Inc. will be integral to this year's Lexington Youth Science Summit.

"One of Lexmark's core philanthropic values is supporting STEM education and initiatives in the communities where our employees live and work," said Marty Canning, Lexmark executive vice president and president of Imaging Solutions and Services. "We are thrilled to welcome Kentucky students on Lexmark's 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 during the lunch hour is keynote speaker Moira Hardek, President and CEO of Galvanize Labs, Inc. Hardek founded Galvanize Labs in early 2013, a hybrid education and gaming company focusing on teaching technology as a subject, instead of merely a collection of topics. Additionally, Galvanize Labs will be providing a free license of their groundbreaking new game, *Taken Charge*.

New this year is a Tech-Preneur track which allows students to create a solution to a real-world problem while enhancing STEM skills and business skills such as marketing and creating a business plan.

The cost to attend the 2015 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 8:00 A.M. and will end at 4:30 P.M. These tickets are available in advance by calling (502) 561-6100 or visiting [KYScienceCenter.org](http://KYScienceCenter.org).

**About the Kentucky Science Center** ([KYScienceCenter.org](http://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.

**About Lexmark** ([lexmark.com](http://lexmark.com))

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**About Time Warner Cable: Connect a Million Minds** ([connectamillionminds.com](http://connectamillionminds.com))

Time Warner Cable's (TWC) Connect a Million Minds (CAMM) is a five-year, \$100 million cash and in-kind philanthropic initiative to address America's declining proficiency in science, technology and math (STEM), which puts our children at risk of not competing successfully in a global economy. Using its media assets, TWC creates awareness of the issue and inspires students to develop the STEM skills they need to become the problem solvers of tomorrow. TWC's national CAMM partners are CSAS (Coalition for Science After School) and FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). Local TWC markets are activating CAMM across the country with community-specific programs and partnerships. To learn more about Connect a Million Minds, visit [www.connectamillionminds.com](http://www.connectamillionminds.com).

**About Galvanize Labs** ([galvanizelabs.com](http://galvanizelabs.com))

Galvanize Labs has produced the browser-based, technology education video game series, Taken Charge, which submerges players in a captivating story while teaching them the building blocks needed for quality technology education. For more information, visit [TakenChargeGame.com](http://TakenChargeGame.com).

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