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Fifth annual Louisville Youth Science Summit is THIS Saturday, July 25

STEM event for teens to take place at Kentucky Science Center

Louisville, KY (July 20, 2015) – Kentucky Science Center announced today the fifth annual Louisville Youth Science Summit, which will take place on Saturday, July 25 at Kentucky Science Center in Downtown Louisville.

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 Ford Motor Company. Time Warner Cable: Connect A Million Minds is the official media partner.

"These students will get to dive deeper into their favorite science topics than ever before," said Science Center Executive Director, Jo Haas. "From a microbiology crime lab with researchers at UofL to an interactive app development lab with the code wizards at Interapt, there will be something for every budding scientist to explore at Youth Science Summit Louisville."

The 2015 Louisville Youth Science Summit will feature on-site lab experiences and hands-on experiences with organizations from across Kentucky and will include interactions with leading industry professionals including physicists, engineers, teachers, and more. Partners such as University of Louisville, Interapt, Kentucky Archaeological Survey, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Waters Corporation, DD Williamson and Alltech will be integral to this year's Louisville Youth Science Summit.

"Science and technology are at the heart of local manufacturing innovation," said Daryl Sykes, plant manager at the Ford Louisville Assembly Plant. "The Youth Science Summit will help Kentucky teens gain an understanding and enthusiasm about science and the many career paths it opens."

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 Ken Perry, a technologist at American Printing House for the Blind. A former military engineer, Perry was blinded in an accident which "re-routed" his life and brought him to his current career.

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) 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.

About Ford Motor Company

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About Time Warner Cable: Connect a Million Minds (connectamillionminds.com)

Time Warner Cable's (TWC) Connect a Million Minds (CMM) 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 CMM partners are CSAS (Coalition for Science After School) and FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). Local TWC markets are activating CMM across the country with community-specific programs and partnerships. To learn more about Connect a Million Minds, visit www.connectamillionminds.com.

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