

COMMENDATION FORM FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Person(s) to be Commended:

Jerry Knight STEM Academy students

- Anna Lee
- Makayla Young
- Anna Lackey
- Heba Hamdan

Justification for the Commendation:

Invention Convention Texas state competition at Texas A&M held April 25th

Students participated in hands-on challenges, enhancing their STEM literacy and building essential skills in science, technology, engineering and math. Invention Convention not only sparks an early passion for engineering but also connects students to a larger network of innovators, helping them explore future careers in STEM fields.

- Jerry Knight STEM Academy swept the Middle School level and took 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place
 - Anna Lee (1st place) – Invention “Any Brush Cleaner”
 - Makayla Young (2nd place) – Invention “DualGeo Pavement”
 - Anna Lackey (3rd place) – Invention “Rhythm”
 - Heba Hamdan (4th place) – Invention “The pHatch”

RTX Invention Convention U.S. Nationals at The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn, Michigan May 3rd -5th

Invention Convention Worldwide teaches students how they can solve problems through hands-on, real-world, project-based learning. They learn problem-identification, problem-solving, entrepreneurship and creativity skills and build confidence in invention, innovation and entrepreneurship.

- On the first day of the competition Anna Lee received a Provisional Patent for her invention “Any Brush Cleaner” which means she has established an official filing date and can legally use the term “Patent Pending” for her invention.
- Heba Hamdan won 2nd place in the 8th grade division for her invention “The pHatch”
- Heba Hamdan also won “Best Live Presentation” out of all 513 finalists

Requested Month of Board Meeting for Commendation: June

Principal, Director, or Supervisor’s Approval: Victoria Webster

Date: 6/10/26

Associate Superintendent of Communications & Marketing Approval: Donald Williams

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