CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF I5 DIGITAL VIDEO COMPETITION

DON MARINELLI OF CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY TO SERVE AS A GUEST PRESENTER AT AWARDS CEREMONY

PITTSBURGH, April 23, 2013 — More than 80 middle and high school filmmakers from 20 area schools explored the impact of science, technology, engineering, and math in their lives for Carnegie Science Center’s i5 Digital Video Competition, presented in partnership with Pittsburgh Filmmakers.

On Thursday, April 25, students will attend an awards ceremony at the Rangos Omnimax Theater to see the top contenders' films on Pittsburgh’s biggest screen. All 36 video entries will be shown in the Omnimax lobby from 6:30-7:30 pm. Don Marinelli, co-founder of the Entertainment Technology Center at Carnegie Mellon University, will kick off the ceremony with a special presentation at 7:30 pm.

The i5 digital video competition is a program of the Chevron Center for STEM Education and Career Development. Working individually or in teams, students created videos (five minutes or less) that showed how STEM plays in role in their lives—namely in the areas of innovations, issues, individuals, inspiring careers, and incredible income potential.

The following middle and high school students received awards and cash prizes:

Middle School

· Best Story-telling Award ($150)
  “Grandma, if they find a cure do you think they’ll call me?” by Sead Nikšić (Winebiddle Homeschool)
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCRGBMn9Rgk

· Communicating Science Award ($150)
  “Conservation: the Eco-Tech Way” by Suvir Mirchandani (Dorseyville Middle School)
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ib-We6fYTSU

· Best Use of Technology Award ($150)
  “The King’s Pollution” by Sheldon Johnson, Jacob Kefalos, Donovan Moore, Thomas Osterle, and Jacquan Yancy (Woodland Hills Middle School)
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmYM9e9EzbE

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· Artistic Vision Award ($150)
  “Science on the Shoulders of Giants: Jonas Salk” Declan Moffatt, Ross Peters, Michael Rashford, and Stephen Rashford (Catholic Homeschoolers of Pittsburgh)
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWtO_zv7piM

· Viewer’s Choice Award ($150)
  “Grandma, if they find a cure do you think they’ll call me?” by Sead Nikšić (Winebiddle Homeschool)
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCRGBMn9Rgk

High School

· Best Story-telling Award ($150)
  “Computer Science: A Changing Frontier” Vishnu Bashyam and Usman Saleem (Franklin Regional High School)
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWZF4-GYm9w

· Communicating Science Award ($150)
  “Wind Farms in Western PA” by Evan Kinney (Cambria Heights High School)
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBFofeF_QLk

· Best Use of Technology Award ($150)
  “Luddites and Leaders” by Alan G. Shimp (The Pennsylvania Cyber charter School)
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwvoYLXd6sM

· Artistic Vision Award ($150)
  “Stepping Forward” by Jill Weida ((Baldwin High School)
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-t1dLAugyw

· Viewer’s Choice Award ($150)
  “Studio Tech” by Christian Duncan, Gilaysha Kirkland, Ian Snyder, and Malik Turner (Propel Andrew Street High School)
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RK2bosXI2RA

Grand Prize Winner
($300 plus a $400 tuition certificate that can be used for any media class, camp, or workshop at Pittsburgh Filmmakers)

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All category prize winners will also receive two general admission tickets for the Carnegie Science Center and two general admission tickets for Pittsburgh Filmmakers Theaters. A trophy will be provided to each of the winner's schools.

About Carnegie Science Center
Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center’s goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh’s premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes and off-site education programs.

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About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh
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