SCIENCE CENTER ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF i5 VIDEO COMPETITION
219 STUDENTS FROM ACROSS REGION VIED FOR CASH PRIZES

PITTSBURGH, April 25, 2016 — More than 200 middle and high school filmmakers from 30 area schools and organizations explored the impact of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in their lives for Carnegie Science Center’s i5 Digital Video Competition, presented in partnership with Pittsburgh Filmmakers. This year’s competition involved 56 video submissions and with a total of 219 students entering, this year’s contest was the largest in the competition’s history.

On Thursday, April 21, students attended an awards ceremony at the Rangos Omnimax Theater to see the top contenders’ films on Pittsburgh’s biggest screen. All 56 video entries were played on large screens in the Omnimax lobby during the event.

Student video submissions are available at www.youtube.com/cscsteam.

During the event, the students also heard a special presentation from Heather Knight who runs Marilyn Monrobot, a robot theater company. Knight, a Ph. D candidate at Carnegie Mellon University’s Robotics Institute, is the founder of the Robot Film Festival and Cyborg Cabaret and was on the 2011 Forbes List for 30 under 30 in Science.

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 a 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 Winners:
*Viewer’s Choice Award ($150)
*i5: Be the Force* by Sam McClendon, Takeyla Mickens, and Janelle Wright (Propel Northside)

*Artistic Vision Award ($150)
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*Best Story Telling Award ($150)
*STEM versus Stripes* by Lauren Miles (Homeschool)

*Communicating Science Award ($150)
*Drilling Into Our Homes* by Arjun Narayan (Marshall Middle School)

*Best Use of Technology Award ($150)
*STEM Meets Roller Coasters* Cathryn Coles, Michaela Denison, and Natalie Moore (Pleasant Hills Middle School)

High School Winners:

*Viewer’s Choice Award ($150)
*Matthews International: Continuing to Innovate* by Ross Peters and Victoria Peters (St. Peter’s Homeschool)

*Best Story Telling Award ($150)
*The Reality of Pittsburgh* by Matthew Drzai and Brittney Fouse (Altoona Area Junior High)

*Communicating Science Award ($150)
*Military Medicine* by Samantha Logsdon (McGuffey High School)

*Best Use of Technology Award ($150)
*STEM at WPSD* by Fauntaye Bryant, Christian Cross, Chad D'Amore, Kyle D'Amore, Danielle Fisher, Alexandra Francis, Cassie Friday, Samantha Gibbs, Zion Harper, Antoine Hunter, Kyle Keracher, Dennita Lewis, Ruth Nieliwocki, Seth Reeves, Toni Reeves, Destiny Tanner, Justin Warke (Western PA School for the Deaf)

*Artistic Vision Award ($150)
*Something Needed but Not Appreciated* by Kayla Lubert (Hampton High School)

*Grand Prize Winner
(A tuition certificate that can be used for any media class, camp, or workshop at Pittsburgh Filmmakers)

*STEM versus Stripes* by Lauren Miles (Homeschool)
All category prize winners also received two general admission tickets for Carnegie Science Center and two general admission tickets for Pittsburgh Filmmakers Theaters. A trophy will be provided to each of the winners’ 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.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Founded by Andrew Carnegie 120 years ago, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums dedicated to exploration through art and science: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. The museums reach more than 1.3 million people a year through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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