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CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER HOSTS ENGINEER THE FUTURE

CELEBRATES REGIONAL INNOVATION, INSPIRES STUDENTS TO EXPLORE ENGINEERING

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 17, 2017 — Pittsburgh has long been at the core of engineering innovation with iconic bridges, environmentally friendly construction, and modern building design. Held in recognition of National Engineers Week, Carnegie Science Center's **Engineer the Future** event engages visitors in celebrating the science of engineering and the region's achievements in the field.

This three-day event, held Thursday, Feb. 23 through Saturday, Feb. 25, features presentations, handson activities, and science demonstrations designed to inspire interest in engineering.

Visitors to the Science Center will have a chance to interact with local engineering professionals and check out presentations at dozens of event tables.

Visitors will have the opportunity to:

- Make superballs with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.
- Build a clay boat capable of carrying as many pennies as possible with the US Army Corps of Engineers.
- Discover how UV light works with hands-on activities from Carnegie Mellon University's Department of Chemical Engineering.
- Explore the science of natural gas discovery and extraction with EQT.
- Check out HDR's "The Crusher," a working display that demonstrates the use and importance of piers on a multi-span bridge.

Other activities feature circuits, robotics, 3-D printing, and construction.

Engineer the Future activities are included with general admission to the Science Center. For a few dollars more, visitors can journey around the world to experience amazing feats of engineering in the new Omnimax film *Dream Big*, a family-friendly film at the Science Center's Rangos Omnimax Theater.

Engineer the Future is powered by EQT Foundation.

More than 1,000 students from the Pittsburgh region and beyond are scheduled to attend this year's event. In addition to programming support, EQT Foundation funds field trips for students from Armstrong, Greene, and Washington counties to attend Engineer the Future.

Visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org or call 412.237.3400 for more details.

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

Established in 1895 by Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. In 2016, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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