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\$30,000+ in College Savings Awards and other prizes awarded at the Ohio Invention Convention & Entrepreneurship Competition presented by Honda and hosted at the Ohio State Fair.

Columbus, Ohio—459 top student inventors in grades K-8, from across the state, brought their solutions to everyday problems to the 2018 Ohio Invention Convention & Entrepreneurship Competition, presented by Honda, Sunday, July 29th, at the Ohio State Fair. College Savings Awards and prizes totaling more than \$30,000 were awarded to young inventors for their creations at this state competition, as Invention Convention celebrates its 25th year in Ohio.

Two grand prize Edison College Saving Award for \$2,500 each were presented by CollegeAdvantage, to Ella Beatty, a 4th grader from Chagrin Falls for her invention, "Rememplet", a personalized, customizable piece of fashion that can make your to-dos unforgettable; and to Makiyla Carrico, a 5th grader from Columbus City Schools for her invention, "You get it ALL" Insulin plunger", a device allowing the patient to administer the full amount of Insulin in the Insulin pen, eliminating waste.

The Kid's Choice awards were given to Danny Mefford, 4th grader from Clinton Massie, for "Baby Saver", a weight-activated temperature sensor for car seats that sets off an alarm to alert parents if the temperature gets too hot or too cold, helping to prevent heat stroke deaths caused by kids being left in hot cars; and to Joseph Mascaro, 6th grader from Our Lady of the Lake for "Magna Bumper", a portable movie seat cover with many awesome features.

Student Inventors brought solutions to problems in 13 different industries. Industry Innovation Awards were given to students for the best overall invention in their category from grades K-8, awarding \$400 College Savings Awards from Ohio Tuition Trust Authority's Direct 529 Plan.

Industry Innovation Awards Grades K-4 went to:

AEP - Energy, Lena Buskard for Nat Charge

Agriculture - Sophia Taylor for Monster Beef Tug Bone (MBTB)

AT&T - Home Technology, Shashini Mohan for Kiwasi

CIPLA - Government/Public Safety, Danny Mefford for Baby Saver

Consumer Goods and Fashion - Walter Reynolds for Mobile Mocha

Earth and Geosciences - Samrithy Balaji for De-Acidification of Industry Water

Health and Medical Technology - Evelyn McCoy for Peek A Poo Potty Mirror

Home Organization - Amelia Colosimo for Mia's Desk Keeper

Honda - Transportation/Financial Infrastructure - Nakshatra Mohan for All Way Stop Assistant

Household Tools - Madison Twyford for Flour Power Cooking Cover

McGraw Hill - Education, Kacee Bohan for Pencil Partner



Sports, Games, Entertainment, & Toys - Sincere Rose-Cohen for The Fidget Pedal
Technology Wearables - Dylan Kline for The Fan's Fan

Industry Innovation Awards Grades 5-8 went to:

AEP – Energy - Suvan Dommeti for Power Wheels
Agriculture - Gianna Lenahan & Estelle Friedrich for EZ Open
AT&T - Home Technology - Eve O'Sullivan for The Waste Watcher
CIPLA - Government/Public Safety - Olivia Opritza for Pollution Revolution
Consumer Goods and Fashion - June Hambach for The Bow Tube
Earth and Geosciences - Brock Klamfoth for The Recycling Compactor
Health and Medical Technology - Zora Womack for The Pole Roll
Home Organization - Jackson Frame for Grup Invention
Honda - Transportation/Financial Infrastructure - Jack Monahan & Zach Rogers for The Desk Express
Household Tools - Connor Krewson for The No Fall Marshmallow Stick
McGraw Hill – Education - Savanna Hooker & Myla Manu-Arkhurst for The Speech Pro
Sports, Games, Entertainment, and Toys - Jianna Nichols for Blindingly Smart

First, Second and Third place awards were also given in grades K-8, worth \$300, \$200 and \$150, along with the Top 10 inventions in those grades.

All award winners are invited to compete in the National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo (NICEE) in Dearborn Michigan, spring of 2019.

The Teacher of Excellence Award was presented to Blanche Davidson, Perry Local School District, and the **2018 Alumni Ambassador was Cole Tucker**, multi-year inventor (from Worthington Schools) and volunteer.

A complete list of winners from the State Final can be found at <http://www.inventionleague.org/events>.

About Invention League:

The Invention Convention is a K-8 STEAM program provided by the Invention League. The League is an inclusive, educational, non-profit organization, offering year-long educational support, Inventor Experiences and the Invention and Entrepreneurship State Final Competition to students, schools and districts of Ohio all at no cost to the families or districts. Along with providing continuing education for Ohio's teachers, Invention League has built a community of dedicated like-minded heroes who support the belief that the better we educate our youth and the more opportunities we provide them to learn and implement STEAM skills, the better all of our lives will become.

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