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United Technologies Corporation Named 2018 NICEE Presenting Sponsor

The STEMIE Coalition is pleased to announce that **United Technologies Corporation**, one of STEMIE's two founding partners, will be the Presenting Sponsor of the 2018 National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo (NICEE) at the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation.

UTC, founded by engineers and inventors like Frederick Rentschler, Elisha Otis, and Willis Carrier, has shown its sustained commitment to K-12 invention education through support of STEMIE's Affiliate, the **Connecticut Invention Convention**, for more than 20 years.

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NICEE to be Held at "Coolest Museum in the World"

The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation -- the site of NICEE 2018 -- has been named by *The New York Times* as the #1 "Coolest Museum in the World!" Other museums on the list include the Lego House in Denmark

and the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

NICEE participants and their guests will have a great time exploring The Henry Ford's 250 acres of innovation, including Greenfield Village, the outside museum that was Walt Disney's inspiration for Disneyland. Check out their website: [The Henry Ford Museum: Prepared to be astounded.](#)

If this sounds like too much fun to miss, come join us as one of our 165 judges! For more info, email Juli Shively at jshively@stemie.org.



CONNECTICUT INVENTION CONVENTION AND STEMIE HOST EDUCATORS FROM CHINA AND SINGAPORE

Connecticut is one of the best places in the world to visit if you want to learn how to teach invention education in the classroom.

That's why educators from Singapore and China flew to Connecticut and spent a week in an immersive training program with the [Connecticut Invention Convention](#) (CIC), a STEMIE Coalition Affiliate. CIC has been teaching students to invent for the past 35 years! Its goal is to have "every student, in every school, become an inventor once, better twice."

The visitors observed the CIC program in all its variations (science class, enrichment, and after school programs), served as judges at a school invention convention, and did a deep dive with CIC staff to understand the operations and event planning side of the program.

A dinner with STEMIE's CEO, Danny Briere, and International Coordinator, Jake Mendelsohn, capped off the week. Yes, there was some talk at dinner about a Global Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo (GICEE) in the not-too-distant future

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TENNESSEE KICKS OFF STEMIE INVENTION CONVENTION SEASON

The 26th Annual [Tennessee Invention Convention](#), held on February 22nd, is the first STEMIE Affiliate State/Regional Invention Convention of the 2018 season. For the next couple months, students all over the United States will be competing in STEMIE Affiliate Invention Conventions, with the top students advancing

to NICEE.

The Tennessee Invention Convention has been held at Middle Tennessee State University every year for 26 years. This year, more than 800 4th-6th graders from 53 different schools will compete.

The Tennessee Invention Convention was started as a service project in 1993 by MTSU Professor Dr. Tracey Huddleston and another MTSU faculty member. Dr. Huddleston has been the director of the program ever since. Her commitment, and her dedicated volunteer work on behalf of these students for all these years, is making a difference – it has launched thousands of students-now-adults who know they can solve problems and that failure is just what happens on the way to success.

Click [here](#) to see photos from this year's Invention Convention.



STUDENT INVENTORS ALL OVER USA INVITED TO APPLY TO NICEE

Student innovators and inventors are everywhere and STEMIE wants to ensure all students with great inventions have the opportunity to apply to compete at NICEE. Students who do not have a STEMIE Affiliate Invention Convention in their state are welcome to apply to NICEE through STEMIE's [Independent Inventor Program](#).

Kedar Narayan, featured in the photo to the left, participated in NICEE 2017 as an Independent Inventor. His invention, a game to teach visually-impaired children how to code, won multiple awards at NICEE, including the [CA Technologies Education Award](#) and the [Adobe Art and Creativity Award](#).

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UPCOMING: K-12 CURRICULUM, SXSW EDU & MORE KID INVENTORS

K-12 Curriculum: In early March, STEMIE is launching an open-access online K-12 Invention Convention Curriculum. The curriculum is the collaborative effort of STEMIE's Affiliate organizations and partners.

SXSW EDU: STEMIE is taking the Importance of Invention Education on the road to Austin! If you are planning to be at SXSW EDU (March 5-8), stop by STEMIE's booth in the Playground area. Also, email Michelle Fishburne (mfishburne@stemie.org) so we can



arrange a time to grab a cup of coffee with you.

MORE KID INVENTORS: Students at the Invention Conventions in Idaho, Georgia, Michigan, and Northern New England will be making headlines in March, so stay tuned to STEMIE's Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn pages to find out about their award-winning inventions.



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