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## KID INVENTORS DAY HIGHLIGHTS

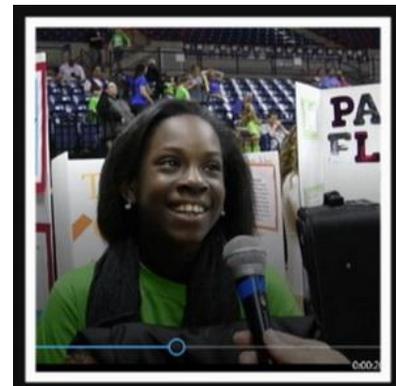
Kid Inventors Day was January 17th, and The STEMIE Coalition turned it into a whole week! Monday kickstarted the week with two STEMIE inventors (**New England** and **Ohio** programs) on **The STEVE Show**. The rest of the week rolled from there, with student inventors in the **news**, **Ohio students** being honored on the floor of the Ohio Statehouse, **The Henry Ford making headlines** for hosting NICEE 2018, and **California students** and Connecticut students participating in Kid Inventors Day programs. STEMIE had a great week on social media, with well over 140,000 views of its posts!

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## STEMIE CELEBRATES MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" At The STEMIE Coalition, so many students we see are inventing solutions to make other people's lives better.

On MLK Day, STEMIE highlighted on social media two videos of young inventors from the [Connecticut Invention Convention \(CIC\)](#) who are making a difference. [Brianna](#) invented a device to make life a little easier for people on crutches. [Isaiah](#) invented a device to help millions of



people around the world without access to clean drinking water. The posts were viewed by over 65,000 people!



## CEO BLOG: VALUE OF INVENTION EDUCATION

Danny Briere, CEO of The STEMIE Coalition, has put pen to paper to lay out the case for K-12 invention education. Drawing on recent research and industry findings, Briere develops a picture of a nation looking to the country's education infrastructure to teach K-12 students to have application skills, greater problem-solving skills, and greater team-building skills before they head into the workforce.

How does invention education deliver on these goals? Read Briere's "[Case for Invention Education](#)" to learn more.

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## STEMIE TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PROFESSOR PROTOTYPE

STEMIE's Abby Fisher, fondly known as "Professor Prototype," is the energy and creativity behind STEMIE's [invention education videos](#), assembly programs, and alumni inventor network. Abby got her start at the [Ohio Invention Convention](#) in 1998, inspiring students to invent through assembly programs in schools throughout the state.

She recently joined STEMIE and has been cranking out videos for STEMIE's K-12 invention education curriculum, to be released early this summer. Professor Prototype will be spreading fun and inventiveness this spring at STEMIE's SXSW EDU booth in March, and on-stage with Mo Rocca, star of [The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation](#), at NICEE May 31-June 3.

Abby always keeps the hearts and minds of young people at the forefront of everything she does. She reminds us all of one of the most endearing parts of being a kid -- always asking how to make things better and empathizing with others. STEMIE is fortunate to have Abby on our team!



## FAMILY FOCUS: THE WHITFIELDS

The Whitfield family has not just one inventor in the family, but three! Their family's passion for inventing began when Zora, now 16, took part in the [Ohio Invention League's](#) invention



education program when she was in fourth grade. Sisters Nyrobi (14) and Akilaah (10) were inspired by their big sister and began searching for their own problems to solve.

"Being part of the Invention League program has enabled my sisters and I to travel, be on television, meet government officials, participate in the State Fair, and become youth advisers on a podcast called 'Brains On,'" explained Zora. "We would not have had these opportunities had we not participated in the Invention League."

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## 2018 INVENTION CONVENTION SEASON IS PACKED!

The 2018 Invention Convention season is upon us, with the first district and state level competitions starting in February! Students across the United States will be competing to advance to STEMIE's 2018 National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo presented by United Technologies Corporation at The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. Click [here](#) to see the STEMIE Affiliates' Competitions Calendar.



Anna: The STEVE Show



Emily: The STEVE Show



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