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**Miami Valley's Second Invention Convention  
Awards Young Innovators**

161 of Miami Valley's best student inventors showcased their creations at the second annual Miami Valley Invention Convention held today at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. All finalists were pre-selected in their school district to participate in this year's competition.

For the past ten years over one million Ohio kids have participated in The Invention Convention creating useful, sometimes crazy and always interesting inventions. This year the program continued its expansion and invited all school districts located in Clark, Champaign, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Shelby counties to participate in the Invention Convention.

Offered free to schools in the area, The Invention Convention inspires students to create and problem solve while developing their inventions. It differs from science fairs in that the focus of the curriculum is to recognize simple to complex problems that individuals face everyday and follow them through the process of creating solutions to them.

**The grand prize "The Wright Innovator Award", a \$2,500 college scholarship went to a team of two students, Sarah Moeller and Jenna Gibson. The two young inventors are 5<sup>th</sup> graders from South Vienna Elementary School (Northeastern Local School District) in South Charleston, Ohio Their invention "Access-A Crutch" provided a handy comfortable solution for those who have to use crutches.**

***1<sup>st</sup> place winners of a \$500 college scholarship***

- In grades K-2 the first place winners are Megan Holthaus, Makenzie Ranly and Jenna Thomas 1<sup>st</sup> graders from Ft. Loramie Elementary School (Ft.Loramie School District) for their invention, "The Automatic Dog Feeder": a dog feeder that delivers a measurable amount daily.
- In grade 3 the first place winner is Jarrod Hawk from Kenwood Heights (Springfield City Schools) for his invention "Kid Protector", an alarm system attached to a belt.
- **In grade 4** the first place winner is Ashley Spitler from Dixie Elementary School (New Lebanon School District) for her invention, "The 7 Day Insulin Kit", a reminder insulin kit for diabetics.
- **In grade 5** the first place winner is Jacob Campbell from Dixie Elementary school (New Lebanon School District) fro his invention "The No-Mess Jar", a push up bottom on a jar that keeps waste and mess in check.

- **In grade 6** the first place winner is Alexa Haushalter from Bellefontaine Middle School (Bellefontaine City School District) for her invention "Earring Extractor", a device that helps take new earrings off the cards.
- **In grades 7-8** the first place winner is Anna Snide, an 8th grader from Ferguson Middle School (Beavercreek School District) for her invention "Quick Step" computer controls by foot for the disabled.
- **Kids Choice Award** goes to Ashley Spittler from Dixie Elementary School (New Lebanon School District) for her invention, "The 7 Day Insulin Kit", a reminder insulin kit for diabetics.
- **Chairman's Choice Award** goes to Jason Kohl and Austin Lemaster, 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Ferguson Middle School (Beavercreek School District) for their invention "Invisihand Page Turner", a motorized foot pedal that helps to turn pages for musicians.
- **The 2007 Miami Valley Teacher of Excellence Award** goes to Mrs. Mellott a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Snyder Park Elementary (Springfield City School District) who won a Donato's Pizza Party, Trip to Columbus COSI and a \$1,500 computer set-up for her classroom.

The expansion of the program is made possible through the contributions of The Invention Convention's Founding Partners: Battelle, Grange Insurance Companies, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company and This Week Community Newspapers. Miami Valley sponsors include Honda of America, the Turner Foundation and Wright State University's College of Engineering and Computer Science.

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**Photos from The 2nd Annual Miami Valley Invention Convention can be viewed in the "Media Room" in the Miami Valley section of The Invention Convention website - [www.just-think-inc.com](http://www.just-think-inc.com). The direct link to the pictures is: [www.just-think-inc.com/miamivalley/mv2007photos.htm](http://www.just-think-inc.com/miamivalley/mv2007photos.htm).**

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**2007 Miami Valley Invention Convention  
'Superior Innovator' Savings Bond Recipients (\$50)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Invention</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>District</b>
Ravyn Jackson	The Piano Grip	3	Valerie Elementary	Dayton Public
Adrena Legge	Portable Window Screen	3	Western Elementary	Bellefontaine
Christina Holland	Reusable Popcorn Holder	3	Lamendola/Titus	Huber Heights
Jordan Wyatt Shipp	Reusable Popcorn Holder	3	Lamendola/Titus	Huber Heights
Megan Smith	The Neat & Tidy Plant	4	Simon Kenton	Springfield City
Taylor Mullins	Under the Desk Organizer	4	Simon Kenton	Springfield City
Molly Fischer	The Frog Catcher 2000	4	Northwestern	Northwestern
Baylee Bennett	Students Stoplight	4	Northridge	Northeastern
Jordan Buxton	Locker Easy Entry	4	Dixie Elementary	New Lebanon
Ashley McNinch	Stow-Away Stool	4	Dixie Elementary	New Lebanon
Taylor Murray	Seatbelt Unlocker Stopper	4	Valerie Elementary	Dayton Public
Braden Urban	Adaptive Light Toy	4	Shaw Elementary	Beavercreek
Alexander Ennis	The Squirper	4	Valley Elementary	Beavercreek
Erik Weeks	Hydration Helmet 2006	4	Southeastern Elementary	Bellefontaine
Jonathon Joseph	Super Cat Brush	4	Bell Creek Elementary	Sugarcreek
Caroline Wong	Easy Hang	4	Bell Creek Elementary	Sugarcreek
Angela Barnes	Collapsible Hanger	4	Bell Creek Elementary	Sugarcreek
Alex Nixon	The Peeper Keeper	3	Simon Kenton	Springfield City
Lauren Setzkorn	Singing Shoelaces	4	Cookson Elementary	Troy City
Megan Falknor	Singing Shoelaces	4	Cookson Elementary	Troy City
Annie Zhang	Dennizhang	4	Cookson Elementary	Troy City
Christina Dennison	Dennizhang	4	Cookson Elementary	Troy City
Sarah McGuire	Puppy Poundz	4	Rushmoore Elementary	Huber Heights
Sarah Stewart	Puppy Poundz	4	Rushmoore Elementary	Huber Heights
Brock Campbell	Stop Tilt	4	South Vienna	Northeastern
Christian Knasel	Stop Tilt	4	South Vienna	Northeastern
Nicholas Scaggs	Two wheeled Dimper	3	Northwestern	Northwestern
Blake Miller	Blake's Bottle Booste	3	Dixie Elementary	New Lebanon
Joseph Walters	Spray Brush	3	Blairwood Elementary	Jefferson TWP
India Redd	The Disposable Travel	6	Valerie Elementary	Dayton Public
Scotty Buthker	Nut Base	6	Brookville Intermediate	Brookville
Josh Jordan	Sportsmen's Hat/Pencil	6	Brookville Intermediate	Brookville
Jesse McCloskey	Solar Powered	6	Brookville Intermediate	Brookville
Morgan Howell	Power Brush and Bath	6	Roosevelt Middle	Springfield City
Sarah Dixon	Power Brush and Bath	6	Roosevelt Middle	Springfield City
DJ Torok	Snow No More	6	Roosevelt Middle	Springfield City
Stephen Koehler	Snow No More	6	Roosevelt Middle	Springfield City
Morgan Badenhop	Perfect Paw Holder	5	Pine Avenue	Bellefontaine
Tyler Coscullulea	The Window Wizard	5	Brookville Intermediate	Brookville
Gina Mulkey	X-Tenz	5	South Vienna	Northeastern
Holly Hinderer	No Drip No Stick	5	South Vienna	Northeastern
Suzannah Cushman	No Drip No Stick	5	South Vienna	Northeastern
Maranda Rusk	No Drip No Stick	5	South Vienna	Northeastern
Caleb Bray	Rain Gator	5	Fort Loramie	Fort Loramie
Logan McGee	Rain Gator	5	Fort Loramie	Fort Loramie
Travis Siegel	Rain Gator	5	Fort Loramie	Fort Loramie
Amy Holthaus	Picnic Pack	5	Fort Loramie	Fort Loramie
Ellen Turner	Picnic Pack	5	Fort Loramie	Fort Loramie

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Peyton Barhorst	Picnic Pack	5	Fort Loramie	Fort Loramie
Brooke Turner	Spritz	5	Southeastern	Bellefontaine
Jessica Miller	Spritz	5	Southeastern	Bellefontaine
Morgan Hadley	Self Activated Snowgel	6	Valley View Middle	Valley View
Lisa Bangert	Line Langer	6	Farmersville	Valley View
Peder Tune	PLC-Plastic Lint Catcher	6	Roosevelt Middle	Springfield City
Ariel Smith	Dr. Doo-Be-Gone	6	Valerie Elementary	Dayton Public
Asia Griffey	Brusher WC	6	Valerie Elementary	Dayton Public
Charlette Hunt	No More Burnt Ear Blues	5	Valerie Elementary	Dayton Public
Melanie Brown	Doggie Deli	6	Valerie Elementary	Dayton Public
Julie Artkamp	Rip-Away Board	7	Ankeney Middle	Beavercreek
John Howe	Deck Detailer	7	Ankeney Middle	Beavercreek
Michael Fu	E-Homework	8	Ferguson Middle	Beavercreek
Emily Simon	The Cat Cupboard	8	Brookville Inter	Brookville
Austin Lemaster	Invisihand Page Turner	8	Ferguson Middle	Beavercreek
Jason Kohl	Invisihand Page Turner	8	Ferguson Middle	Beavercreek
Gabrielle Markley	Shield-O	6	Ferguson Middle	Beavercreek
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