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**CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER HOSTS 79TH ANNUAL COVESTRO PITTSBURGH
REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR**
MORE THAN 1,000 STUDENTS IN GRADES 6–12 SHOW OFF FASCINATING PROJECTS

PITTSBURGH, March 21, 2018 – Are you wondering which brand of antacid works the best or whether classical music calms caged dogs? Ask a sixth-grader at Carnegie Science Center’s 79th annual Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair (PRSEF) on Friday, March 23.

More than 1,000 students in grades six through 12 from across the region will have projects on display from 9 am–4 pm at Heinz Field. The best times to interview or photograph students are from 10 am–noon and 2–4 pm. Enter through the Press Gate.

Some of the students have elaborate projects involving genes, robotics, or other subjects that go far beyond what might be expected from their age group. You’ll see projects with titles ranging from “Norwegian Saliva Samples” to “Does Screen Time Affect Sleep?” to “Thiolated Ligand Quantification on Silver Nanoparticles.” Projects will be presented for judging Friday.

Some high school students will be nominated to attend the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), which will be held in Pittsburgh in May. Some middle school winners will be nominated for the Broadcom MASTERS competition, which will take place in Washington, D.C., in the fall. Three student winners will be selected to receive Carnegie Science Awards and will be honored during the Carnegie Science Awards Celebration on May 4 at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland.

Carnegie Science Center will honor Covestro PRSEF winners in numerous categories during an awards presentation from 9:30–11:30 am Saturday, March 24 at Heinz Field. Enter through the Press Gate. The program will start with a keynote address by Natalie Nash, a software developer for West Arete in State College who was an award winner at the PRSEF and ISEF when she was younger.

After that, first-place Category Award winners will be on display in the main lobby of Carnegie Science Center through Sunday, April 1.

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.

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