In 2023, the National Inventors Hall of Fame® celebrated its 50th anniversary. We’ve accomplished a great deal in our first 50 years, including inducting 624 groundbreaking inventors, growing our partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, building relationships with forward-thinking philanthropic partners, school districts and universities, and inspiring millions of students and educators nationwide through our hands-on invention education programs.

None of this would have been possible without your support for our mission to recognize inventors, promote creativity, and advance the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship. While we are proud of our shared accomplishments, we now look to the next 50 years and remain committed to our role as creative catalysts preparing today’s students to become the innovators of tomorrow.

Our continued success underscores the enduring power of innovation in both propelling the world forward and helping people reach their true potential. In his seminal paper, “A Theory of Human Motivation,” the American psychologist Abraham Maslow emphasized that once basic survival needs are met, individuals ultimately aspire to higher-level goals, seeking fulfillment and self-actualization. In other words, all of us are striving for more.

This begs the question: How does one transform aspirations into something tangible?

Our answer lies in learning from the world’s great innovators. That’s why our PreK-12 education programs incorporate the stories of National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees, transforming their lessons into engaging experiences.

By providing students with the mindset and skills necessary to turn dreams into reality, we will help them find success no matter where their paths may lead.

Sincerely,

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