



**As I reflect on 2024,** I am inspired by the transformative power of invention — a force that fuels growth and reshapes our world. This spirit of innovation is exemplified by our National Inventors Hall of Fame® Inductees, Collegiate Inventors Competition® Finalists, and the students of Camp Invention®, Club Invention® and Invention Project®. We take immense pride in our organization's role in advancing the innovation ecosystem, ensuring that the next generation of inventors is equipped to lead and create.

In recent years, we have reinvented our processes, products and services to better serve our sponsors, students, parents, educators and school districts nationwide. By transforming our distribution systems, product development cycles and customer-enabling software, we now deliver customized learning solutions with unprecedented speed and precision.

The results speak for themselves. In 2024, we inspired over 406,000 students and educators through programs including Camp Invention and Invention Project. These experiences are now more interactive and engaging than ever, equipping students with the creativity, problem-solving skills and confidence to tackle challenges head-on. Independent research consistently affirms the impact of our programs, showing that participants:

- **Develop a greater interest in STEM.**
- **Experience reduced science and math anxiety.**
- **Demonstrate improved academic performance and attendance.**

By many measures, the National Inventors Hall of Fame is stronger and more impactful than ever. However, we recognize that innovation is not driven by necessity alone — it is a mindset. As we emphasize in all our PreK-12 programs, this mindset has the power to continuously reinvent, improve lives and propel the world forward.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), our sponsors, and the families, educators, community partners, organizations and school districts who support and believe in our mission. Your unwavering dedication enables us to recognize inventors, promote creativity, and advance the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Together, we are ensuring that the future of innovation is as limitless as the imaginations of those who dare to create it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M. Oister".

Michael J. Oister  
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