Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Celebrates National Engineers Week STEM-Filled Festival Explores the Engineering Field

Fort Worth, TX – In an increasingly complex world, engineers are challenged daily to keep pace with a competitive technological landscape and find solutions to meet the most basic of human needs. Around the globe, engineers are using their creativity and technical know-how to make a difference, one person at a time.

Dream Big and celebrate Engineers Week, February 21 to February 25 at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, and discover how professional engineers turn ideas into reality and do some engineering and problem solving of your own. Participate in this hands-on, STEM-filled festival with activities designed to explore this limitless field.

Professional engineers will be on-site to guide activities and answer questions about careers in engineering. Scheduled activities include:

- Focus on Flight: Meet Lockheed Martin engineers and fly a Lockheed Martin flight simulator.
- Eclectic Electric Engineering: Check out the latest in electronics with Mouser Electronics, and build circuitry-powered balancing structures.
- Cognitive Computing: Explore cognitive computing with IBM. Meet Pepper the Robot and Watson-powered Cognitoys.

"There's a wonderful message for aspiring engineers this year," said Van A. Romans, President of the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. "Dream Big as a theme for Engineer's Week really speaks to the full potential of the profession while tying into what we do as a Museum. As we launch our Academy of Digital Learning, we are constantly Dreaming Big to ensure that our Museum becomes a national leader in applying technology to enhance learning experiences."

"During Engineers Week, students and volunteers will be able to experience the same creativity and passion that the Museum implements while Dreaming Big through an in-depth exploration of engineering," Van A. Romans continues. "They will see first-hand the ways engineers are making a difference in today's world, maybe in ways they hadn't realized. They will learn not only the mechanics of engineering, but the way these skills are applied. There are some inspiring stories out there to share, and we are fortunate to have the support of our great sponsors to provide this experience to so many."

In addition to daily activities in Innovation Studios and throughout the Museum, guests will find special events on selected days, including a 'Homeschool Afternoon' on Thursday, February 23 and 'Girls and Engineering Day' on Saturday, February 25. Visit us online for a complete guide to 2017 Engineers Week.

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The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's 2017 Engineers Week is sponsored locally by IBM, Lockheed Martin and Mouser Electronics.

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Engineers Week activities are available to members and guests with paid admission.

National Engineers Week is an event founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers. More than 100 engineering, educational and cultural societies participate. For more information on National Engineers Week, visit http://www.discovere.org/our-programs/engineers-week

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