

The White House Science Fair

PRESIDENT OBAMA: We welcome championship sports teams to the White House to celebrate their victories. I've had the Lakers here; I've had the Saints here; the Crimson Tide. I thought we ought to do the same thing for the winners of science fairs.

BILL NYE "THE SCIENCE GUY:" It's great to see science fairs. It's great to see them here at the White House. We need young people to, dare I say it, change the world. And it's going to be scientists, and more specifically, engineers that do that. So this is fantastic.

PRESIDENT OBAMA: This is an interesting statistic. The most common educational background of CEO's in the SP 500 companies is actually engineering.

ANIKA & ANGELA: It's a printer that removes ink from paper so we can reuse both the paper and ink.

ANTONIO & DIEGO: This is our physical therapy chair for physically disabled children.

MIKAYLA: This is basically two forms of alternative energy in one car.

JAMIE HYNEMAN [Host, *Mythbusters*]: Some of the stuff that we are seeing is, as far as we are aware actually, very cutting edge. So it's quite impressive.

PRESIDENT OBAMA: It's hard to describe just how impressive these young people are. You think of Einstein, Edison, Franklin, the founders of Google and Apple and Microsoft. But now, we have got some other people to think about.

ANTONIO & DIEGO: We wanted to help out the kids that are at our school. So this is kind of one of the things that kind of make the teaching aides like perform physical therapy easier.

MIKAYLA: It's really fun, and we do need a lot more kids involved in science. It's kind of the uncool thing to do anymore. But really, when you apply for jobs nobody is going to care if you were out at the mall or if you were texting or Facebooking. But, stuff like this will matter.

ADAM SAVAGE [Host, *Mythbusters*]: Not only are the kids here the ones who are shaping the future of technology, but within five years, every single kid in this room is going to be more qualified to perform science than either of us are. And I love that.

PRESIDENT OBAMA: You've had a chance to talk to these young people. And I had a chance to meet them. These are incredibly bright and creative young men and women. It can't help but leave me optimistic about our future.