



## 2015 Congress Mentors

### *Grand Masters*

**Buzz Aldrin, Sc.D.**  
NASA Astronaut (Ret.)  
Second to Step on the Moon  
First Successful Space Walk

**David Wineland, Ph.D.**  
Nobel Prize in Physics  
National Medal of Science

**John C. Mather, Ph.D.**  
Nobel Prize in Physics

**Cherry A. Murray, Ph.D.**  
Dean, Harvard School of Engineering  
and Science (2009-2014)  
National Medal of Technology &  
Innovation

**Dean Kamen**  
Legendary Inventor  
National Medal of Technology &  
Innovation

**Dennis Crowley**  
CEO and Co-Founder, Foursquare

**Bill Westenhofer**  
Two-Time Academy Award Winner,  
Best Visual Effects and  
Visual Special Effects Director  
World of Warcraft

### *Young Prodigies*

**Kensen Shi**  
Grand Prize Winner, 2012 Siemens  
Competition in Math, Science &  
Technology

**Jack Andraka**  
Grand Prize Winner, 2012 Intel  
Science and Engineering Fair

**Shree Bose**  
Grand Prize Winner,  
2011 Google Science Fair

**Jacob Barnett**  
Youngest Person Admitted to the  
Perimeter Scholars International  
Masters Program  
World's youngest astrophysics  
researcher

**Erik Finman**  
16 year old founder of Botangle.com  
TIME Magazine's Most Influential  
Teen

March 8, 2016

Office of Governor Nikki Haley  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

The National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists is proud to have accepted 40 high school honor students to represent the State of South Carolina as Delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders to be held at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell in Lowell, MA, from June 29 to July 1, 2016.

I have attached a listing of these exceptional students. It would be an enormous honor for these high-achieving, young leaders to be recognized by you. You can also access this information at [www.NationalAcademyGovernmentAffairs.us](http://www.NationalAcademyGovernmentAffairs.us).

The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders is an honors-only program to motivate and direct the top students in our country who aspire to be scientists, engineers, and technologists and encourage them to stay true to their dream. After the Congress, the Academy provides a path, plan and mentoring to help them reach their goal.

Inspiring the young people at the Congress are luminaries of the STEM fields, including Nobel Prize winners, top scientific university deans, leaders in scientific research and cutting edge technology, as well as leaders from government and private industry.

All Delegates are nominated by their teachers or the Academy based on proven academic excellence and demonstrated desire to enter the scientific or technology professions. The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders has strict academic requirements, and students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA (or equivalent) to be nominated. Students at the Congress represent all fifty states and Puerto Rico.

Some five hundred places at the Congress are reserved for students on full academic scholarship who are selected by their teacher or guidance counselor based on their leadership ability, academic achievement and dedication. In addition, the Academy is proud to offer partial scholarships for students with financial need.

The Academy was founded on the belief that we must identify prospective talent at the earliest possible age and help these students acquire the necessary experience and skills to take them to the doorstep of these vital careers.

Based in Cambridge, MA with an office in Washington, D.C., the Academy was chartered as a nonpartisan, taxpaying institution to help identify, encourage and mentor students who wish to devote their lives to the sciences and technology.

The Academy offers free services and programs to students that include online social networks through which these future scientists and technologists can communicate; opportunities for students to be guided and mentored by leaders in science and technology; communications for parents and students on college acceptance and finances; skills acquisition; internships; career guidance; and much more.

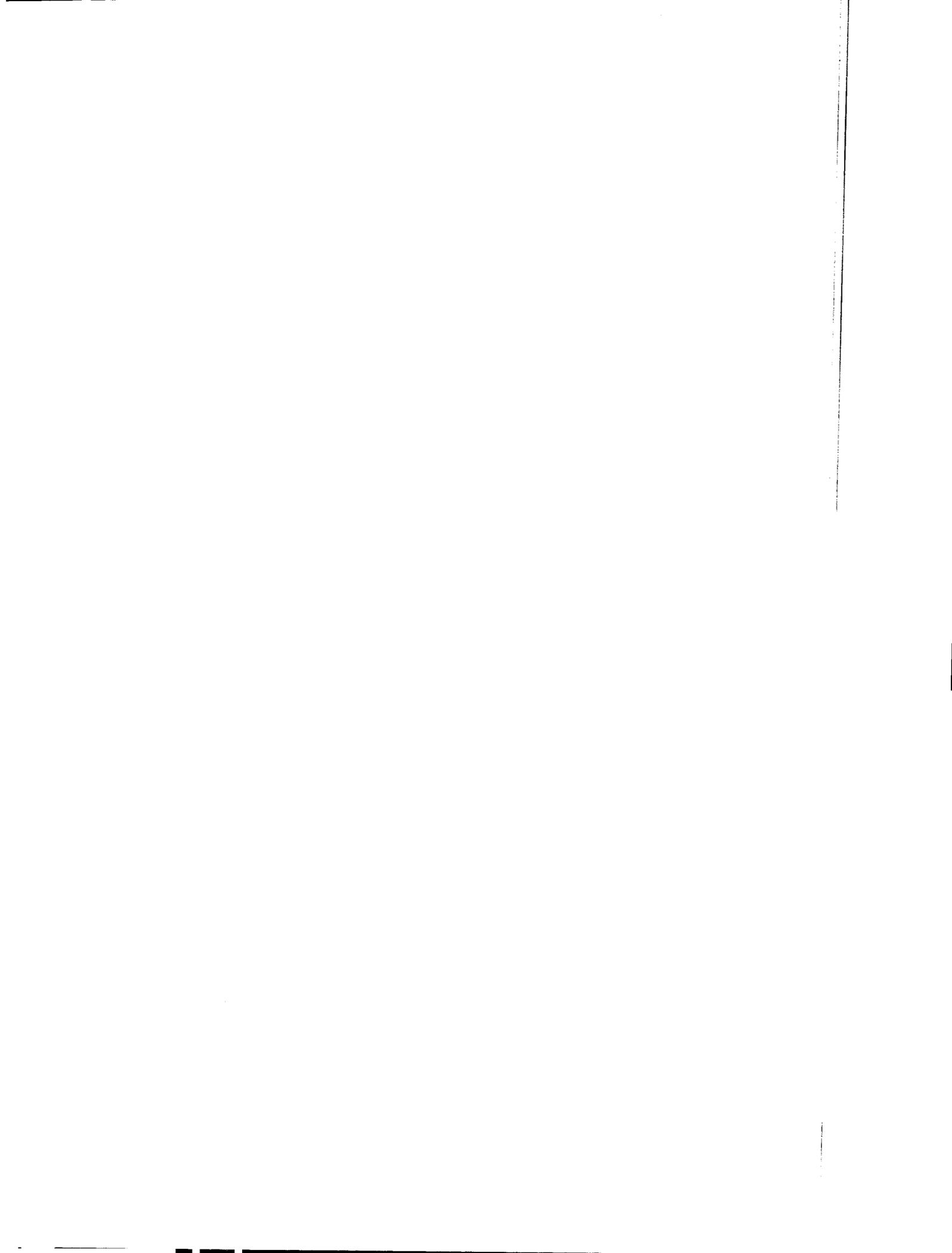
If you are interested in learning more about the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders or the Academy, please feel free to contact Lisa Rossi, Director of Public Affairs at 202-599-8442 x701 or [LisaRossi@ScitechLeaders.com](mailto:LisaRossi@ScitechLeaders.com). You can also learn more at [www.ScitechLeaders.com](http://www.ScitechLeaders.com).

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Rossi', written in a cursive style.

Richard Rossi  
Executive Director



## South Carolina June 2016 - Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders

Last Name	First Name	Gen	Street Address	City	Zip	High School
Allen	Carson	M	122 Eagle Ridge Court	Bonneau	29431	Berkeley High School
Baird	Benjamin	M	32 Dolphin Point Lane	Hilton Head	29926	Hilton Head High School
Baldizzi	Michael	M	2037 Curry Lane	Clover	29710	Clover High School
Belille	Jessica	F	607 Mountain Pine Road	Moncks Corner	29461	419029
Canty	Brigham	M	1116 Dogwood Lane	Chester	29706	
Conway	Marlee	F	412 Sandwood Drive	Lugoff	29078	Lugoff-Elgin High School
Copeland	Cody	M	933 Drybrook Lane	Clover	29710	Clover High School
Dadisman	Austin	M	203 Community Drive	Lexington	29073	419386
Diggs	Imani	F	1121 Ashland Drive	Columbia	29229	
Dobbins	Serenity	F	10 Knightsbridge Drive	Simpsonville	29681	Home School Clearing House
Eraula	Jonathan	M	449 Delmont Drive	Goose Creek	29445	Goose Creek High School
Ferreira	Erik	M	313 Harbor Pointe Drive Apt 6	Mount Pleasant	29464	
Gamble	Laurel	F	204 Williams Street	Columbia	29201	Samuel A. Heyward Career Center
Gillion	John	M	114 Rock House Road	Greenwood	29646	Emerald High School
Gonzalez	Edwin	M	419 Four Oak Way	Greenville	29609	Wade Hampton High School
Hernandez	Hugo	M	701 Mossy Ledge Lane	Simpsonville	29681	St Joseph's Catholic School
Howell	Jason	M	102 Southernwood Drive	Ladson	29456	419071
Hwang	Viah	F	126 Boone Drive	Summerville	29485	Summerville High School
Jackson	Malik	M	1677 Longwood Drive	Orangeburg	29118	Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School
Kitts	Ethan	M	135 Erica Court	Lexington	29072	Lexington High School
Lebrun	John	M	946 Herrons Ferry Road	Rock Hill	29730	York Preparatory Academy
Lloyd	Philip	M	1604 Joye Street	West Columbia	29169	Gray Collegiate Academy
McDowell	Eddie	M	133 Carriage Farms Court	Gray Court	29645	Laurens District 55 High School
Mitchell	Michael	M	2035 Elliot Road	Pinewood	29125	Scott's Branch Middle School
Moody	Elizabeth	F	2579 Beaverdam Church Road	Mountville	29370	Clinton High School
Morales	Luis	M	3000 Dornoch Drive Apt 40	Boiling Springs	29316	Boiling Springs High School

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Neill	Matthew	M	25018 Molokai Drive	Fort Mill	29708	Ft. Mill High School
Parker	Tyler	M	3588 Ramsey Road	Sharon	29742	419069
Parker	Tyran	M	691 Shad Road	Williston	29853	
Perez	Andrew	M	23 Station Loop	Bluffton	29910	Bluffton High School
Phelps	Sage	F	337 Glencove Court	Lexington	29072	River Bluff High School
Prock	Matthew	M	163 Coldwater Circle	Myrtle Beach	29588	419047
Ross	Joshua	M	408 Southern Pines Drive	Myrtle Beach	29579	Carolina Forest High School
Scott	Deandra	F	905 Woodale Circle	Columbia	29203	W. J. Keenan High School
Smith	Nia	F	6 Pin Oak Court	Columbia	29229	Blythewood High School
Tucker	Jeffrey	M	104 Greenfield Road	Pawleys Island	29585	
Velkovich	Sarah	F	813 Rains Mdw	Rock Hill	29732	North Western High School
Williams	Chorderro	M	26644 Old Salkehatchie Highway	Brunson	29911	Wade Hampton High School
Windsor	Emily	F	1930 Shackelburg Road	Anderson	29621	Wren High School
Wood	Brandon	M	433 Cotton Hope Lane	Summerville	29483	