



**Press Release
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African-American Scientists and Inventors Exhibit Opens at SciWorks 1/17/09

Winston-Salem – Throughout this country and the world, African-Americans have made significant contributions in the fields of science and technology. The “**African-American Scientists and Inventors**” exhibit shows familiar items from our homes, communities, and offices that have been influenced by the patented inventions of African-American individuals. This exhibit will be at SciWorks through August 29, 2009.

The items displayed illustrate the principles behind the invention and are not the actual invention. They are modern-day counterparts of the original invention.

Visitors will enjoy the “**Invent It**” station where visitors can make their own inventions using “K’nex” pieces. They will be intrigued to learn about the invention of the golf tee, lawn sprinkler, traffic light, the switching device for railways, the flush toilet, and more!

As we celebrate Black History, we remember the challenges that these inventors faced. Despite many obstacles, an important legacy has been left. It is our hope that this exhibit will spark the inventor in all people!

SciWorks is a 65,000 square foot facility located on 30 acres. SciWorks’ mission is to promote scientific literacy, life-long learning, and an appreciation of the sciences by providing innovative educational and recreational experiences for all people through interactive programs and exhibits, collections, an environmental park and unique facilities.

SciWorks admission prices are: adults \$10, students (age 6-19) and seniors (age 62+) \$8, children (age 2-5) \$6.

SciWorks is easy to find, located off University Parkway or HWY 52 on Hanes Mill Road. SciWorks is open Mon - Friday from 10am – 4pm and on Sat from 11am – 5pm. www.sciworks.org

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