



news from the **field**

K'NEX EDUCATION SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS TO BRING HANDS-ON LEARNING TO THE CLASSROOM

HATFIELD, PA, JULY 26, 2002 – Teachers representing 11 states have been named winners of the K'NEX Education Hands-On Learning Sweepstakes. K'NEX Education gave away prizes totaling more than \$6,800 in an effort to promote hands-on learning in science and technology classrooms. The total of 14 winners are each receiving a K'NEX Education curriculum-supported classroom set that meets national education standards for Science, Technology, and Math.

Teachers will be able to use the sets to provide for hands-on discovery-based learning opportunities for their students. The 10 winners to receive the K'NEX Education Amusement Park Science & Technology Set are: Eileen Anthony, Trafton School, Arlington, WA; Shaun Bates, Malden Elementary School, Malden, MO; Sidney Bolstad, Prairie View Special Services School, Newton, KS; Kari Cantwell, St. Mary of Celle School, Berwyn, IL; Paula

Karaiskos, Lynch Elementary School, Las Vegas, NV; P. MacArthur, Montevideo School, San Ramon, CA; Stephen Puccinelli, Harrison School, Stockton, CA; Robin Shaver, Harbor City Elementary School, Melbourne, FL; Lisa Stephens, Varennes Elementary School, Anderson, SC; and Lynette Trost, B.J. Hooper School, Lake Villa, IL.

Winner of the TechnoK'NEX Computer Control System multi-lab set is S. Bessemer, Hance Elementary School, Gibsonia, OA. The three winners of TechnoK'NEX single-lab sets are: Michelle Clackner, Littleton Elementary School, Parsippany, NJ; Crystal Conley, Crete Monee Intermediate Center, Crete, IL; and Penny Coon, Carnegie Elementary School, Carnegie, OK.

K'NEX Education classroom sets being used in more than 35,000 schools nationwide engage students in the principles of Science, Technology, and Math and include Educator

Guides, Activity Cards to build a variety of models, reference materials, and reproducible student worksheets. Each set employs hands-on learning techniques using sturdy, plastic interconnecting K'NEX parts. K'NEX Education's award-winning sets also include Space Explorations; Forces, Energy & Motion; Simple Machines Deluxe; and Comprehensive Bridges.

In addition to being used in elementary, middle, and high schools across the country, K'NEX Education Sets are being used in engineering and architecture courses at the United States Military Academy, Drexel University, Wright State University, and Ball State University.

For more information, visit K'NEX Education at www.knexeducation.com or call 1-888-ABC-KNEX; send e-mail to abcknex@knex.com; or write to K'NEX Education, P.O. Box 700, Hatfield, PA 19440-0700. ●

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The futuristic chair was designed by Neil Szegota, a British student who is working as a Co-op with PTC.

The table and chairs are by Tom Fanning from the Lancaster Royal Grammar School (UK).



Here is a synopsis of what is new at the Pro/DESKTOP.net web site:

- ✓ Learn how to create APIs (application program interfaces) for Pro/DESKTOP. This new addition contains examples of and unsupported documentation on how to create Pro/DESKTOP program add-ins in either C++ or Visual Basic. (Posted October 9, 2002)
- ✓ The PTC Product Line Manager (PLM) provides insight into the differences between the Express version and the full version of Pro/DESKTOP. Comments include PTC's intentions for future development of the programs. (Posted September 5, 2002)
- ✓ Ray Beardmore created his own Mechanical Engineering reference site to provide easy access to relevant, useful information. It includes various tables and references, and links to a wide variety of other web sites associated with Mechanical Engineering and design. This site has a definite British flavor. (Posted September 3, 2002)