Building on the successes of 2018, in 2019 the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF) followed in the tradition of our Inductees and continued to reinvent itself.

We believe that all children can invent and that our future depends on innovation. Because of this, intellectual property (IP) and inventive education is at the forefront of all our PreK-12 STEM programs, and in 2019 we redoubled these efforts by promoting the importance of IP literacy through our blog, white papers, museum exhibitions and Collegiate Inventors Competition®.

For meaningful change to occur, one must look inward. The same is true for organizations, and in 2019 we focused intently on our mission: recognizing inventors and invention, promoting creativity and advancing the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship.

We evaluated the core of our organization and made investments, from valuable research to technical upgrades, that have allowed us to develop more effective initiatives, enabled us to produce significantly more in-house content and will continue to strengthen NIHF for years to come.

Thanks to our dedicated employees, sponsors and Inductees, as well as the local educators who partner with us across the country, last year alone we impacted over 178,000 students through our immersive education programs. It is our sincere hope that each of these students continues developing the persistence and problem-solving skills taught throughout our curricula and goes on to apply their innovative mindset to solve our world’s most complex challenges.

I am privileged to lead a company dedicated to continuous improvement. Inspired by our revolutionary Inductees, icons who defied the status quo and believed in something greater, we too believe that the only limits that exist are the ones we place on ourselves.

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