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**EDVENTURE'S MAKER PROGRAM MANAGER DANIEL CUMMINS WILL ATTEND  
WHITE HOUSE EVENT FOR NATIONAL WEEK OF MAKING (JUNE 17-23)**

For the second year, EdVenture's Daniel Cummins will represent the State of South Carolina in Washington D.C. Last year, Cummins exhibited his Kitchen Sink Piano at the Inaugural National Maker Faire, but this year he will help kick off the National Week of Making June 17-23 and participate in the Nation of Makers event which brings together individuals from around the country who are leading efforts to empower, support and inspire makers.

"We watch Daniel inspire children and families everyday in EdVenture's Maker gallery to create," said Karen Coltrane, president and CEO. "So while we aren't surprised his talent has been noticed at a national level, we certainly are proud of him and the impact he has here."

Cummins spends his days at Edventure, working both with young children within the museum's Makerspace, as well as leading workshops in local schools to help students increase engagement within their Makerspaces.

This year's celebration continues the initiative originating in June 2014 when President Barack Obama hosted the first-ever White House Maker Faire and issued a call to action that "every company, every college, every community, every citizen joins us as we lift up makers and builders and doers across the country." Last year, President Obama built on the single event by proclaiming a National Week of Making and inviting people of all ages to hold events around the country celebrating ingenuity, inspiring creative problem-solving and supporting opportunities for those from all backgrounds to tinker and make.

This year, there will be 50 Representatives, MakerFaire organizers or Maker Advocates from each state meeting on Friday to build a network both local and national, and engage in conversation pertaining to how Maker Advocates- like Edventure - can best be served and connected with available resources/agencies.

Answering this call in South Carolina, EdVenture has hosted the Mini Makers Faire for the last four years with tremendous support statewide from makers and tinkers attending from all over the regions and will create ample opportunities to discuss building connections and Maker Faire Expansion at the DC National Maker Faire.

Follow the development of the Columbia Mini Maker Faire at [www.makerfairecolumbiasc.com](http://www.makerfairecolumbiasc.com), on Twitter @MakerFaireSC, and on Facebook at [facebook.com/ColumbiaMiniMakerFaire](https://facebook.com/ColumbiaMiniMakerFaire).

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Photo caption:( The [photo](#) is attached with a PDF of the White House invite)

Daniel Cummins takes creative educational programming ideas to the nation's capital.



**About EdVenture**

The mission of EdVenture is to inspire children to experience the joy of learning. EdVenture is a locally-managed, not-for-profit informal educational institution dedicated to lifelong learning through its 92,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor interactive exhibit space and in its educational outreach programs and after school programs. The museum has welcomed visitors from all 50 states and 18 foreign countries, creating shared experiences and memories for families learning together. For more information about EdVenture, visit [www.edventure.org](http://www.edventure.org) or call (803) 779-3100.