

TechFest™ 2019 Summary Report



TechFest 2019 was held on the weekend of February 16-17 on the downtown Dayton campus of Sinclair Community College. There were 1657 registered student attendees. With parents, other adults and non-registered students, the total attendance is estimated to be around 3000.

A new logo (upper left on this page) was introduced for TechFest 2019.

Total attendance was lower this year. It may be partly due to the number of competing events in the greater Dayton area that weekend. Another possible contributing factor was discontinuance of sending student flyers to area schools. Numerous school districts indicated that flyers were no longer accepted for distribution. Consequently, electronic media and emails were used to promote TechFest. Dayton public television station, ThinkTV (channels 16- 14), was the media sponsor for TechFest 2019. It aired three short videos advertising TechFest from mid-December to mid-February.

There were 71 exhibitors and 32 Info-Tainment presentations at TechFest 2019. Exhibits were located in Building 12 Ponitz Center, the Unmanned Aerial Systems Center in Building 13 and the Indoor Flying Pavilion in Building 18. A list of exhibitors and exhibit descriptions can be found at www.techfestdayton.org.



View of 2019 TechFest exhibits in the Ponitz Center at Sinclair Community College.



Jim McCutcheon performing songs about science.



Dayton Power and Light demonstration of electrical hazards near power lines.

Initially there were 76 scheduled exhibits, but due to an ongoing problem with recruiting volunteers to help with an exhibit for the two-day event, five were cancelled. Two other past exhibitors were not able to attend because of the Government shutdown.

This year 780 volunteers gave over 3700 hours of their time to make TechFest a highly successful event. Volunteers came from colleges, universities, professional societies, and other technology and science-related organizations.

The TechFest™ Team of the Affiliate Societies Council of Dayton (<http://ascd Dayton.org>) is very appreciative of the support by its many donors. The full list of the 2019 donors is given at <http://www.ascd Dayton.org/TechFest/Sponsors.html>

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