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Two students from Buffalo are on their way to the National Invention Convention this week after winning the Western New York Invention Convention at the Buffalo Museum of Science on May 11.

Max Medakovich, a fourth grader at Frederick Law Olmsted School, won for his invention, "Night Sight," a sleeping mask that helps those with with vision challenges to see shadows better in the dark.

David Agosto, a fifth grader at West Buffalo Charter School, won for his invention, a "Manual Game System" to help people play video-style games without electronics.

The two boys will travel to the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn, Mich., where the competition runs Wednesday through Friday.

"Throughout Western New York, many schools and programs hold their own Invention Convention to showcase the effort of their students," said Mary Constantino, who coordinated the Western New York Invention Convention.

"From this pool, they select up to 15 inventions to represent their schools at the Invention Convention," she said. "Months of brainstorming, model-making and research are evident in the displays created by the students."



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