



## THE STEWARD SCHOOL

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY: for Wednesday, February 8**

## **The Steward School and the Science Museum of Virginia to host world-record setting aviator Barrington Irving**

*Join local youth to hear Irving's tale of flying around the world solo in a plane he built himself*

**Who:**

- Aviator Barrington Irving
- School children from the Boys & Girls Clubs, Peter Paul Development Center, The Steward School, and more
- Parents, children and others from the Richmond community

**When:** Wednesday, February 8

4 p.m.

Science Museum of Virginia

2500 West Broad Street, Richmond, Va., 23220

**What:**

Aviator Barrington Irving set a world record as the first African American and youngest person to fly around the world solo. He did it all in a plane he built himself, the *Inspiration*. After 97 days of thunderstorms, monsoons, snowstorms and sandstorms, he touched down to roaring crowds in Miami, Florida. In that moment, he realized his passion for giving back and inspiring future generations to pursue their dreams.

Irving founded a mentorship program, Experience Aviation, which educates and empowers students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. As he mentors students, Mr. Irving helps build confidence and a foundation for achieving their goals—where the sky's the limit.

For his accomplishments, he is the winner of National Geographic's 2012 Emerging Explorer Award and the NASA SEMAAA Trailblazer Award, and was acknowledged by a Congressional Resolution.

At this special event, Irving will share his tale of inspiration with students and families from around the Richmond area. He'll then explore the Science Museum of Virginia's **Speed** exhibition with event attendees for an exciting meet and greet experience.

**Details:**

The program is partially made possible through support for The Steward School from the Edward E. Ford Foundation, Robins Foundation, and Luck Companies Foundation.

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**About the Science Museum of Virginia**

*The mission of the Science Museum of Virginia is to inspire Virginians to enrich their lives through science. The Museum offers hundreds of experiential exhibits, awe-inspiring artifacts and interactive technologies, presenting dynamic science programming to hundreds of thousands of guests each year. [www.smv.org](http://www.smv.org)*

**About The Steward School**

*The Steward School is an independent coeducational, nonsectarian day school for more than 600 students in JK-12 and is located in western Henrico County. Since its establishment in 1972, the school's mission has been to prepare students for college and for life in a community defined by robust academics, inspiration, engagement, and care. [www.stewardschool.org](http://www.stewardschool.org)*