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Saying "this stuff is really cool," President Barack Obama praises science projects from some high-achieving students at the third annual White House Science Fair.

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President Obama Celebrates Young Scientists at White House
Unidentified Girl: We--
PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA: What did you invent?
PETER ALEXANDER reporting: Science rules. That was the message coming out of the White House, Monday. It’s now become an annual event, one of the President’s favorites: the White House Science Fair. This year, boasting inventions from egg propelling rockets--
PRESIDENT OBAMA: And then eggs come down okay?
Unidentified Boy: Yes, sir.
Unidentified Boy: Came down just fine.
ALEXANDER: --to mini-space elevators designed by thirteen- and fourteen-year-olds.
PRESIDENT OBAMA: I’m just saying. It worked flawlessly. That’s outstanding.
ALEXANDER: These Girl Scouts came up with a remedy for insomnia.
PRESIDENT OBAMA: Did you guys get a patent on this thing?
Unidentified Girl: Not yet.
PRESIDENT OBAMA: Well, you better before somebody gets an infomercial selling this thing and then--
ALEXANDER: Evan and Alec Jackson, and their cousin Caleb Robinson are elementary students.
PRESIDENT OBAMA: Yeah, this-- this-- this is a pretty spiffy invention you guys got here.
ALEC JACKSON: Thank you.
PRESIDENT OBAMA: Absolutely.
ALEXANDER: Their creation, what they like to call Cool Pads to keep athletes from overheating on the field.
EVAN JACKSON: Cool kids.
A. JACKSON: And we have Cool Pads.
E. JACKSON: And we-- all kids know they can be awesome in athletics and science.
ALEXANDER: Cool, right? The President thinks so.
PRESIDENT OBAMA: This stuff is really cool. And I want to thank these incredible young people for explaining to me what the heck is going on.
ALEXANDER: But the real showstopper was out on the South Lawn, an emergency water sanitation system, with a catch, of course: it’s bicycle-powered.
KIONA ELLIOTT: You’re welcome to try this out, if you like. It’s all powered by this bicycle here, which is--
PRESIDENT OBAMA: All right. All right.

ELLIOTT: Yay.
PRESIDENT OBAMA: Only because these guys really want it, folks. All right. All right.

ELLIOTT: So basically if you’re riding this bike here--
PRESIDENT OBAMA: Okay.

ELLIOTT: --you’re producing kinetic energy.
PRESIDENT OBAMA: Yeah.

ELLIOTT: And that kinetic--

ALEXANDER: Two of its designers, eighteen-year-old Kiona Elliott and Payton Karr, sixteen from Florida.

ELLIOTT: President Obama’s a-- a great bike rider.

ALEXANDER: Their team was inspired by the relief efforts after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

PAYTON KARR: I really hope we can pursue it and maybe give it to an organization like Red Cross or some missionary groups who can take it and actually put it into use in other parts of the world where they need it.

ALEXANDER: Kiona and Payton intend to be the first in their families to go to college.

Peter Alexander, NBC News, the White House.