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Minneapolis, MN – The Bakken Museum is proud to announce a collaboration with The Blake School’s spring semester Object-Oriented Software Design class. The class, comprised of inventive juniors and seniors, created an interactive Apple iPad app for The Bakken’s Cabinet of Curiosity exhibit. Combining The Bakken’s eclectic collections with innovative interactive programming, the students from The Blake School devised the perfect companion to complement this historical exhibit.

On choosing The Bakken as a partner, computer science teacher Sean Hickey said, “The best way for students to learn how to write software is by creating projects that connect them to the communities and the world they live in.”

Students were challenged to not only design the app for the Apple iPad, but were also required to create it for all ages and technology skill levels. “This is the only class I may ever take where, at the end, I don’t just have a grade. I have something I can put on a résumé,” said Blake School student Schmitt Smith.

The Cabinet of Curiosity app is currently on display through January 2016.

The Blake School is a pre-kindergarten-grade 12, independent day school with a national reputation for academics. Blake has three campuses in the Twin Cities metro area: Hopkins, Minneapolis and Wayzata. Students strive for excellence in academics, athletics and the arts and are committed to improving their local and global community. Learn more at blakeschool.org.

The Bakken Museum inspires a passion for science and its potential for social good by helping people explore the history and nature of electricity and magnetism. The Bakken was founded in 1975 by Earl E. Bakken, who invented the first wearable, battery-powered, transistorized cardiac pacemaker. The Bakken features The Florence Bakken Medicinal Garden, a world-renowned collection of books and artifacts and multiple galleries focusing on the wonders of electricity.

The Bakken Museum is located in an intriguing mansion at the corner of West Calhoun Parkway and 36th Street on the west shore of Lake Calhoun. For more information, visit TheBakken.org or call (612) 926-3878.

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