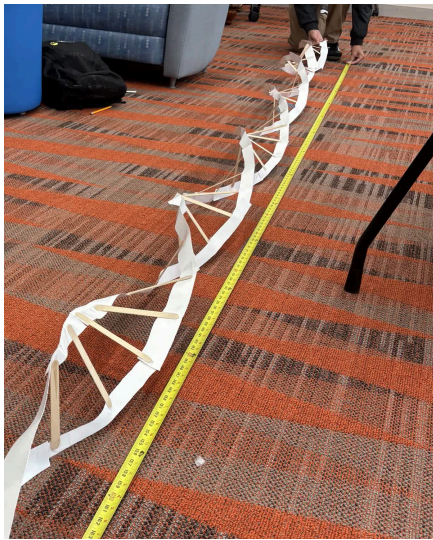


Join Now! IA Attempts Breaking Guinness World Record

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Innovation Academy (IA) students are reaching for the record books — literally. IA's Biology Olympiad Club and Science National Honor Society (SNHS) have teamed up in an ongoing attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the longest model strand of DNA. The current record stands at 624 feet, set by Pennsbury High School.



At IA's most recent Engineering Flex Friday session, six students managed to build 64 feet of the paper DNA model! Several participants reported the event being “extremely fun!” However, the team knows they'll need more participants if they want to beat the record. The next Flex Friday DNA model session is tentatively planned for October 24, and students can sign up in advance to participate.

These sessions are more than just fun — they're hands-on science. IA Biology Olympiad and SNHS President Kaelyn Fu [12], explains that “students get interactive practice with DNA while contributing to a schoolwide effort.” There are even incentives: volunteer hours and engineering credits are offered – updates are yet to come for the October 24 Flex Friday. The clubs' leaders also encourage students to bring their friends and spread the word.

Image 1: DNA Model Progress on September 12

Interested students can join the initiative's [GroupMe](https://groupme.com/join_group/109205286/qHjorlX9) for updates and stop by the art room at 8:15 a.m. on select days posted weekly in the GroupMe for extra help. With more participants, the team hopes to make IA history. As organizers put it, this effort isn't just about DNA — it's about making a change, attempting the impossible, and showing what collaboration can achieve.



Image 2: Students Painting Nucleotide Bases

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