



CONNECTICUT SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR  
2016 URBAN SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Principals:

It is my pleasure to invite your school to participate in the 2016 Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair, being held at Quinnipiac University, Hamden, March 13-19, 2016. Sponsored by the Connecticut Academy for Science and Engineering, Bristol Myers Squibb, and Travelers Insurance, the Urban School Challenge offers unique benefits to students from state-identified Priority Schools and Districts.

Middle school (7-8) and high school (9-12) students from Bridgeport, Danbury, Derby, East Hartford, Hartford, Meriden, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Stamford, Waterbury, and Windham can participate in this additional category. Consideration for the Urban School Challenge is strictly limited to those schools that are part of the Connecticut Priority School District Program.

Benefits of participating in the Urban School Challenge:

- **Every** student will be personally judged by a panel of distinguished educators, business, and industry professionals.
- The top High School project (individual or team) wins the opportunity to compete in the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair.
- The top 8<sup>th</sup> grade project wins the opportunity to compete at GENIUS Olympiad.
- The top 7<sup>th</sup> grade project wins a week at Project Oceanology's Ocean Camp.
- All students are eligible for special category awards as well as all fair general and special awards.
- Mentorship opportunities are available.

Please feel free to share this information with your staff, and let me know if I can provide you with further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rebecca A. Meyer'.

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