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The Connecticut Science and Engineering Fair is the oldest and most prestigious STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) event in the State. It is my pleasure to invite your school to participate in the 2019 Fair at Quinnipiac University, Hamden, March 11-16. Celebrating our 71st year, the Fair's mission is to interest students in science and engineering careers. Fair projects typically examine problems and provide solutions to current environmental, medical, biological, chemical, engineering, and societal issues – no TV-personified, old-school volcanoes here! Previous top-performing Fair projects have caught the attention of major national research laboratories, garnered patents, resulted in start-up companies, and have been published in scientific, peer-reviewed journals. The Fair and its organizational committee is here to support experienced schools as well as those who might be “first timers”: we provide workshops for teachers and students, technical support online and by phone, and access to a network of practicing scientists and engineers.

2019 Highlights and Changes

- **PROJECT QUOTAS FOR SCHOOLS**– 10 Middle School and 15 High School
- **PROJECT REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE**– \$45 per project.
- **SATURDAY AWARDS CEREMONIES**– Finalist and Special Awards Ceremonies will be Saturday, March 16.
- **SCHOOL VISITS THIS YEAR**– Thursday, March 14, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm .
- **PUBLIC VIEWING**– Thursday, March 14, 1:30 pm to 8:00 pm.
- **URBAN SCHOOL CHALLENGE**– The top winning public high school project, from eligible Alliance Districts schools will compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Top placing 8th grade project will compete at GENIUS Olympiad.
- **NINE SPECIAL CATEGORIES**– Biotechnology, Alternative/Renewable Energy, Applied Technology, Computer Science, Engineering, Environmental Science, Mathematics, Future Sustainability, and Women In Science & Engineering.
- **\$207,000 IN AWARDS**– We expect more than 400 awards will be presented at the Fair by its Category and Special Award Sponsors.
- **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**–Seven top winning high school projects, either individual or team, will compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) Phoenix, Arizona in May. High school finalists and one eighth grade project will be awarded the opportunity to compete at the GENIUS Olympiad, Oswego, New York in June.
- **BROADCOM MASTERS**– Top winning middle school students in all categories will be given invitations to compete.
- **WORKSHOPS**– Check our website for Fall and Winter workshops for teachers and students.

Register on-line at <http://www.ctsciencefair.org> Regional Fair allocations are handled on a case-by-case basis. Deadline for school registration is October 30. There is a \$45 per project non-refundable registration fee due at the time of registration. Your school need not have a science fair to send students to the CSEF.

Refer registration questions to:

School Registration:

Dr. Jack Solomon, School Registration Chair
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Project/Student Registration

Mrs. Evelyn Brown, Project Registration Chair
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Fair information is updated frequently on our website at www.ctsciencefair.org. A wealth of information and resources can be found there.

We look forward to seeing you and your students at the Fair.

For the Fair Committee,

Frank LaBanca
Fair Director