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2022 Science and Engineering Fair Returning to In-Person

FAIRFIELD, CA – Solano County Office of Education is hosting another Solano County Science and Engineering Fair competition on March 17, 2022. The youth event seeks to develop inquiry and problem-solving skills among students, ignite a passion for science and engineering and better prepare youth for STEM and related careers. The fair will be returning to an in-person format, and all Solano County students grades 3-12 are invited to enter this STEM competition.

Visit <u>solanocoe.net/sciencefair</u> to complete the entry form and view the <u>Science and Engineering Fair information packet</u> to learn more about the competition. The application deadline is 3:00 PM on February 25, 2022.

"Now more than ever, it is vital that our elementary, middle, and high school students have opportunities to apply science and engineering skills, investigate theories, gather, and evaluate evidence, and develop potential conclusions. SCOE aspires to motivate more students to explore careers in science, engineering, or related fields," said Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

The competition has three divisions: elementary school (grades 3-5), middle school (grades 6-8), and high school (grades 9-12). Each division has three categories: earth science, physical science, and life science. Participants' investigative science and engineering projects will be reviewed and judged by representatives from various universities. Top middle and high school winners in this competition will be eligible to enter the California State Science and Engineering Fair in April 2022.

Parents and community members are invited to celebrate students' achievements and view their Science and Engineering Fair projects on March 17, 2022, from 4:00–5:45 PM followed by the awards ceremony from 6:00–7:30 PM at the McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds at 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo. Medals, trophies, and prizes will be awarded to winners.

For more information about the Science and Engineering Fair, contact Director of Innovative Programs and Student Success Lilibeth Pinpin, at lpinpin@solanocoe.net or 707-399-4439.

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