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Solano County Office of Education Hosts 2019 Science and Engineering Fair

FAIRFIELD - Careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) have grown tremendously. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 2010–2020 employment in science and engineering will grow by 18.7%, compared to 14.3% for all other occupations. This rapid growth has created a STEM worker shortage in the U.S. To address this, the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) is joining widespread efforts to boost interest in STEM among students. “We are honored to host the 2019 Solano County Science and Engineering Fair. This is an excellent opportunity for our middle and high school students to apply science and engineering skills to investigate problems, gather and evaluate evidence, and develop intelligent conclusions. We hope to inspire more students to consider a career in science, engineering, or a related field,” said Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

The 2019 Solano County Science and Engineering Fair is a competition, for students in grades 6-12, that aspires to develop inquiry, problem-solving skills, a passion for science and engineering, and to better prepare youth for STEM related careers. All Solano County students, grades 6-12, are encouraged to enter the STEM competition. Apply online at <http://bit.ly/2019ScienceFair> no later than 3:00 PM on March 22. For more information on the competition, visit: <http://bit.ly/2019ScienceFairPacket>.

The competition has two divisions: 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. Students who win at the local level are eligible to enter the California State Science and Engineering Fair, held at the California Science Center in Los Angeles, April 29-30.

Parents and community members are cordially invited to come celebrate students’ achievements and view their projects on March 29, from 2:00–6:30PM at the Solano County Office of Education located at 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield. The event will culminate with an awards ceremony at 7PM; medals, plaques, trophies, and prizes will be awarded to winners. Light refreshments will be provided.

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

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