

For Immediate Release
Connecticut Science Fair

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Hundreds of Middle and High School Students Vie for Thousands in Prizes at Connecticut's Premier Science Competition

Nearly 500 middle and high school students from throughout the state, including some of last year's top winners, will showcase their science talent at the 2009 Connecticut Science Fair. Joining others students during the week-long event March 10-14 at Quinnipiac University in Hamden will be 2008 top winners: Eliza McNitt, a senior at Greenwich High School; Hebron resident Teresa Oei, a sophomore at East Catholic High School in Manchester; and Fiona Wood, a senior at North Haven High School. These students all received second place awards in their categories at the 2008 International Science & Engineering Fair, the world's largest pre-college science fair.

The best opportunity for media to catch the action is during final judging between 9:00 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, when about 150 student finalists will present their projects to and answer questions from judges from academia and industry.

The six top winners of the 2009 Connecticut Science Fair will represent the state and compete for more than \$5 million in awards at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno, Nev., in May and the International Sustainable World Energy, Engineering & Environment Project (or I-SWEEP) Olympiad in Houston, Texas, in April. The top winners, along with winners in other categories at the Connecticut Science Fair, will be announced by 5 pm March 12. Special Award winners will be announced by noon on Saturday, March 14.

Potential **media opportunities** during fair week are:

<u>Tuesday, March 10</u>	12:30-7:30 pm	Project Set Up
<u>Wednesday, March 11</u>	9 am – 2 pm	Preliminary and Special Awards Judging
<u>Thursday, March 12</u>	9 am – 1:15 pm	Finalist Judging**
	2:45-4:45 pm	Finalist Awards
		Alumni Hall
<u>Friday, March 13</u>	9 am-1 pm	School Group Visits
	1 pm – 4 pm	Open to the Public
<u>Saturday, March 14</u>	10 am- 12 pm	Special Awards Ceremonies
		Alumni Hall

(Best media opportunity, as 150 student finalists present their projects to judges.)**

All events are held in the **Gymnasium**, unless noted.

Broadcast media interested in doing live telecasts may contact Karen Cohen (Connecticut Science Fair) at 860.228.5188 or twstuff@aol.com or John Morgan (Quinnipiac University) at 203.582.5359 or john.morgan@quinnipiac.edu for arrangements.

The CSF has served more than 30,000 students since its inception. For more information, about the 2009 fair, please visit us on the web at www.ctsciencefair.org.

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Directions to the Connecticut Science Fair:

From I-95

Take I-95 to New Haven and then take I-91 north to Exit 10 (Route 40). Follow Route 40 approximately 3 miles to its end (at Whitney Avenue). Turn right onto Whitney Avenue (Route 10) and proceed north for 1.4 miles. At the light, turn right onto Mount Carmel Avenue and go 0.3 miles to the campus. Enter the second (Main) entrance. The gymnasium is to the left.

From Wilbur Cross Parkway (Merritt Parkway)

Take the Parkway (Route 15) to Exit 61. Turn right onto Whitney Ave. (Route 10) and proceed north three miles to Mount Carmel Ave. Turn right onto Mount Carmel Ave. and go 0.3 miles to the campus. Enter the second (Main) entrance. The gymnasium is to the left.

From Hartford, and east, via the Merritt Parkway

Take the Parkway (Route 15) to Exit 62. Turn right onto Whitney Ave. (Route 10) and proceed north three miles to Mount Carmel Ave. Turn right onto Mount Carmel Ave. and go 0.3 miles to the campus. Enter the second (Main) entrance. The gymnasium is to the left.

From Hartford via I-91

Take I-91 south to Exit 10 (Route 40). Follow Route 40 approximately 3 miles to its end (at Whitney Avenue). Turn right onto Whitney Avenue (Route 10) and proceed north for 1.4 miles. Turn right onto Mount Carmel Avenue and go 0.3 miles to the campus. Enter the second (Main) entrance. The gymnasium is to the left.

From western Connecticut via I-84

Follow I-84 to Exit 26. At end of exit, bear right on Route 70 toward Cheshire. Continue on Route 70 to Route 10. Turn right on Route 10 and go about 7 miles to Mt. Carmel Avenue. Turn left onto Mount Carmel Avenue and go 0.3 miles to the campus. Enter the second (Main) entrance. The gymnasium is to the left.