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Winners of 2008 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology to Ring The Closing Bell® at the NYSE

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EVENT:

Executives and guests of the Siemens Foundation will visit the New York Stock Exchange on Fri., February 6 to celebrate the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology, a signature program of the Siemens Foundation. The annual awards were presented on December 8, 2008 at New York University, host of the Siemens Competition National Finals. The Siemens Foundation is celebrating the 10th year of the Siemens Competition in 2009.

To mark this occasion, Tom McCausland, Chairman of the Board, Siemens Foundation; Jim Whaley, President, Siemens Foundation and Siemens Competition National Winners Wen Chyan, Andrew Guo and Sajith Wickramasekara will ring the NYSE Closing Bell.

The Siemens Competition

The Siemens Competition was launched in 1998 to recognize America's best and brightest math and science students. In another record setting year, 1,893 students registered to enter the Siemens Competition with a total of 1,205 projects submitted – this includes an increase of more than 10 percent in team and individual project submissions and an increase of more than 16 percent in the number of registrations. Entries are judged at the regional level by esteemed scientists at six leading research universities which host the regional competitions: California Institute of Technology; Carnegie Mellon University; Georgia Institute of Technology; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; University of Notre Dame; and The University of Texas at Austin.

The Winning Projects

Wen Chyan, a senior at Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science in Denton, Texas, won the \$100,000 scholarship in the individual category for chemistry research on combating hospital-related infections, called nosocomial infections, which afflict more than two million patients each year, killing more than 100,000 of those patients. Wen designed a specialized coating for medical devices.

Sajith M. Wickramasekara and Andrew Y. Guo, both seniors at North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, North Carolina, won the \$100,000 prize in the team category, which they will share equally, for genetics research of chemotherapy; it has the potential to easily identify new chemotherapeutic drugs and greatly improve existing ones.

The team's project combined traditional genetics with cutting-edge computational modeling to streamline the gene discovery process. Their project addresses the need in the field to identify new genes to target for cancer therapy.

About the Siemens Foundation

The Siemens Foundation provides more than \$7 million annually in support of educational initiatives in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math in the United States. Its signature programs, the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology and Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, reward exceptional achievement in science, math and technology. The newest program, The Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge, encourages K-12 students to develop innovative green solutions for environmental issues. By supporting outstanding students today, and recognizing the teachers and schools that inspire their excellence, the Foundation helps nurture tomorrow's scientists and engineers. The Foundation's mission is based on the culture of innovation, research and educational support that is the hallmark of Siemens' U.S. companies and its parent company, Siemens AG. For more information, visit www.siemens-foundation.org.

WHEN/WHERE:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009 – NYSE – Security Checkpoint at Exchange & Broad Streets

3:30 p.m. Media escorted into the building for bell ringing

4:00 p.m. The Closing Bell is rung

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PHOTO/VIDEO:

Photos available via Associated Press/New York (212.621.1902), Reuters America (646.223.6285) and Bloomberg Photo (212.617.3420).

The Opening BellSM (starting at 9:25 a.m.) and The Closing Bell® (starting at 3:55 p.m.) feeds are available via Ascent loop #4009. Those seeking footage via The Switch please contact NYSE Broadcast at 212.656.5483.

WEBCAST:

A live webcast of The Opening Bell (beginning at 9:29 a.m.) and of The Closing Bell (beginning at 3:59 p.m.) will be available on the homepage of nyse.com.

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