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## **NATION'S TOP HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE COMPETITION ANNOUNCES THE CLASS OF 2008**

### **Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology Names Semifinalists and Regional Finalists**

**Regional Finals Commence November 7, 2008**

ISELIN, NJ, October 27, 2008—The brightest high school minds, still in contention for the nation's most prestigious teen science prize, are revealed. Today, the Siemens Foundation announced the Semifinalists and Regional Finalists for the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology.

The Siemens Competition – a signature program of the Siemens Foundation, the national leader in supporting STEM education with contributions surpassing \$7 million each year – is the nation's premier science research competition for high school students. The annual competition, administered by the College Board, awards college scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000 in individual and team categories.

In another record-setting year, 1,893 students registered to enter the Siemens Competition this year with a total of 1,205 projects submitted – this includes an increase of more than 10% in team and individual project submissions and an increase of more than 16 % in the number of registrations. Again surpassing last year's totals, 311 students from 33 states were named Semifinalists, with 96 students being honored as Regional Finalists. These whiz kids will be called to compete at one of six Regional Competitions held over three consecutive weekends in November. A complete list of semifinalists and regional finalists is available at [www.siemens-foundation.org](http://www.siemens-foundation.org).

Regional Finalists will go head-to-head presenting their research with peers across the nation. Regional Finals commence November 7, 2008. The events are hosted by six of America's leading research universities: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (November 7-8); University of Notre Dame (November 7-8); University of Texas at Austin (November 14-15); Carnegie Mellon University (November 14-15); California Institute of Technology (November 21-22); and Georgia Institute of Technology (November 21-22).

Winners of the regional events are invited to compete at the National Finals at New York University in New York City, December 5 – December 8, 2008. Visit [www.siemens-foundation.org](http://www.siemens-foundation.org) on December 8, 2008 at 9:30 am EST to view a live webcast of the National Finalist Award Presentation.

**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](http://www.siemens-foundation.org).

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