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THE FUTURE..........IS OUT THERE!

YOUNG SCIENTISTS IN GRADES 6 - 12 are COMPETING FOR AWARDS AND PRIZES AT 49th Annual State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida at the Prime Osborn III Convention Center, Jacksonville, Florida. Awards include Category Place Awards, Scholarships, cash, an opportunity for a summer internship at NASA, Place Awards and a chance to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair

The State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida is dedicated to promoting science education and recognizing and rewarding student achievement in science. Young scientist winners from the 37 Regional Science and Engineering Fairs (a total of 850 students) from around the state are gathered at the SSEF held at the Prime Osborn III Convention Center from April 14th – 16th, 2004. Students in 14 different scientific categories will present their science research projects and compete for awards and scholarships. More than 400 Judges from the Florida science community will be present on Thursday, April 15th.

The top award is the opportunity to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF) in Portland, Oregon, May 2004 for more than $2 million in awards and scholarships.

"These students are the world’s future – future scientists, actors, musicians, professional athletes, doctors, communicators, entrepreneurs, educators, and business and world leaders,” says Pam Dement-Leibenow, Host Director in Jacksonville. "Science fair competitions like this, as well as the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, are a great way to inspire today's youth to entertain new ideas, create new technologies and bring a fresh perspective to the world."

Student scientists in these competitions learn through hands-on, inquiry-based research and experimentation, not just through lectures and books. Hands-on research has been proven to improve student learning, problem-solving and an understanding of science.

PRESS is welcome during all events. Please register when arriving.