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2012 UAB-CORD
CENTRAL ALABAMA REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

Science Teachers and Administrators in the
Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair Area,

The University of Alabama at Birmingham and the UAB Center for Community OutReach Development are excited to host the **Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair** **scheduled for March 3, 2012**. The fair will be a single-day event held at the UAB Campus Recreation Center located at 1501 University Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35294. Middle and high school students will set up their projects beginning at 7:30 am. Judging of projects will occur from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. During the judging, sessions to inform middle and high school participant's parents about college selection, how to best prepare their children to be competitive for the best schools, the college application process and opportunities for funding of their child's college education will be offered. In addition, tours of the UAB Campus will be scheduled.

The following counties will be eligible to participate in the 2012 UAB-CORD Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair: Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Dekalb, Etowah, Jefferson, Randolph, Saint Clair, Shelby, Talladega and Walker County.

We will conduct the traditional fair, thus selecting students to compete at the Alabama State Science and Engineering Fair (ASEF) and the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). We recognize that in past years many students did not meet the timing requirements set out by ISEF and were unable to compete. Therefore, students who are unable to meet the ISEF timetable requirement will be allowed to present at the 2012 CARSEF for non-ISEF-related awards and prizes. We expect to have at least 40 such awards. To enable teachers and students to submit the required application paperwork in an efficient and timely manner, enclosed is a flyer which invites you and your students to join us for *"Project/Application Paperwork Training Sessions."*

Please visit our website at www.uab.edu/carsef for additional information. Please also note that the **Deadline for all Applications to the UAB Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair (CARSEF) is January 27, 2012**. All entries will be reviewed by the CARSEF Scientific Review Committee. All presenters will be required to meet the fair's sponsorship, safety, animal and human use requirements, prior to being allowed to present. If the application deadlines pose an issue with the date of your fair please call the CARSEF office for other arrangements.

Thank you for promoting excellence in science, math and engineering education in Alabama. We look forward to seeing you and your students at the 2012 Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair (CARSEF) and to awarding prizes to your students!

Please feel free to contact us at (205) 934-5125 (CARSEF Office) or (205) 934-5171 (CORD main office) or you can reach us by email at kjarrett@uab.edu; ccord@uab.edu; or sginwrig@uab.edu.



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Enclosures: 2012 CARSEF: Forms List, Applications, Training Session Flyer and Brochure

*For information regarding the
2012 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair
in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania visit
www.societyforscience.org*