



Science & Humanities Symposium at JMU



Governor's School students presented at the **Virginia Junior Science & Humanities Symposium** at James Madison University on March 17, 2011. Hannah Wissmann, Governor's School student from Warwick High, received an Outstanding Research Award in Engineering and Carly Sawyer, Governors' School student from Grafton High, received an Outstanding Research Award in Biological Sciences & Medicine. Carly was also named alternate for the National Science and Humanities Symposium to be held in San Diego.

Great Computer Challenge



Governor's School (GSST) students competed in the **Great Computer Challenge** held at Old Dominion University on March 5, 2011. This was an excellent opportunity for GSST students to apply the analytical and problem solving skills they have developed through GSST's Scientific Programming strand. Students competed in the categories of Scientific/Non-Business Programming, Desktop Publishing/Presentation, Web Design, Java Programming, and Graphic Arts. First Place winners include: Nicholas Grigorian, Grafton High; Maruchi Kim, Grafton High; Brian Whitlow, Tabb High; Connor Lauzon, Kecoughtan High; Katie Paugh, Gloucester High; Jacquelyn Rakentine, Gloucester High; and John Spaetzle, Jamestown High. [Click here](#) for the full list of winners.



Tidewater Science Fair

Governor's School students competed at the **60th Annual Regional Tidewater Science Fair** at Old Dominion University on March 12, 2011. Over 250 projects competed under the direction of 180 judges from the local professional community and an estimated \$6,000 in prize money was awarded. Rachel Reon, Isle of Wight County Governor's School student, received the First Award of Excellence, placed First in the Animal Science Senior Division, and was awarded the Virginia Dental Association Science Talent Award. Rachel qualifies to compete at the Virginia State Science & Engineering Fair. Other Governor's School winners include: Bryce Davis, Kecoughtan High; Graham Young, Tabb High; Sheridan Klock, Lafayette High; and Maruchi Kim, Grafton High. [Click here](#) to see the entire list of awards including Honorable Mentions.

VA Regional Science Bowl Competition



Governor's School (GSST) students competed at the **Virginia Regional Science Bowl at Jefferson Lab** on Saturday, February 5, 2011. Faculty sponsor, Dr. Dawn Chandrasekhar prepared team members Jae Kim, Leah Thomeer, Natalie Moore, Anu Sharma, and Hongji for this buzzer-style competition. Teams raced to answer questions in the fields of biology, chemistry, earth and space science, energy, math, and physics. The competition was fierce! GSST students took on some challenging teams, including the winner from the last ten years, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. While GSST did not take first place, the students had a great time participating and gained valuable experience for next year's completion!

Intel International Science and Engineering Fair

Governor's School student, Rachel Reon placed 1st and 3rd at the **Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)** in California. The ISEF is the world's largest pre-college science fair competition. Each year, more than seven million high school students from around the world compete in local science fairs with the hope of reaching ISEF. Only 1,500 of these young innovators are invited to attend the event to share ideas, showcase cutting-edge research, and compete for over four million dollars in awards and scholarships. Rachel's project, Behavioral Evidence for Cerebral Asymmetry in Green Anoles, placed 1st in the American Veterinary Medical Association category and 3rd in the American Psychological Association category. Rachel received \$1,500 in prizes and is now eligible for the Gordon E. Moore and Intel Foundation Young Scientist Award.