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Dear Colleagues:

The University of Cincinnati is planning for the Eighth Annual Southwest Ohio District Science & Engineering Expo (SEE) on **March 10, 2012**. The competition at UC is open to students in grades 6-12 in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Preble, and Warren counties. **We are inviting you to join us in judging the student research projects.** A training session will be held for all judges on the morning of the event. Breakfast, lunch, and complimentary parking will be provided.

We are searching for individuals with a bachelors degree (or higher) in a science or engineering related field (or with equivalent experience employed in a science or engineering related field) to donate their time as a judge for this year's science fair. We are also looking for those in the education field who have experience working with students in math and science. Judges have the opportunity to indicate which categories of projects they prefer to evaluate. Category choices include: Behavioral Sciences, Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth and Space Sciences, Engineering, Environmental, Mathematics, Medicine & Health, Microbiology, Physics, and Zoology.

The judging process usually runs from 8:00 AM until 12:30 PM. During lunch, a raffle for the judges with some great prizes and gift certificates will take place. Judges and their families are also cordially invited to stay and visit our numerous exhibits and demonstrations. All of the exhibits and demonstrations are free and are sure to delight. Our keynote speaker this year is Margaret K. Hostetter, MD from Cincinnati's Children's Hospital Medical Center where she is Director of the Infectious Diseases Division. Please check our website (www.uc.edu/sciencefair) for more information on the SEE.

We're hoping you can join us for this experience that recognizes the creativity and discovery of the region's young scientists. For the past five years the EXPO has provided more than \$50,000 in prizes and scholarships to student participants. Help us to reward these individuals and encourage them to pursue careers in science and engineering. If your organization would like to join many who now support this event, we welcome your interest and encourage you to donate to an award or scholarship, or contribute to the operating costs to continue this event.

To become a judge, please complete the online registration form at <https://www.uc.edu/ScienceFair/registration/JudgeRegistration.aspx>. Materials will be mailed to you prior to March 10th, and will also be available online. Check out our website at research.uc.edu/sciencefair for more information. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Emily Stimpert or Keara Sherman at 513-556-4267 or emily.stimpert@uc.edu or keara.sherman@uc.edu. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to welcoming you to the Eighth Annual University of Cincinnati Science & Engineering Expo (SEE) on March 10, 2012!

SEE U @ UC!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas A. Cruse'.

Thomas A. Cruse
Director of Science Fair

