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400+ STUDENTS COMPETE IN SCIENCE CENTER'S VIRTUAL PITTSBURGH REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

PITTSBURGH, March 11, 2021 — This month, more than 400 students in grades 6–12 will participate in Carnegie Science Center's virtual Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (PRSEF), where they will compete for scholarships and cash prizes as they present their science, math, and engineering research projects.

Judging will take place via video conferencing on Wed., March 24 and the winners will be announced during a virtual Awards Ceremony on Thurs., March 25. The virtual fair will be hosted through zFairs, an online fair management software. Students will upload their project report, presentation slides, and digital posters to zFairs, which judges will be able to review in the days leading up to the students' virtual presentations on March 24.

Project categories include Behavioral and Social Science, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science and Math, Earth and Environment, Engineering and Robotics, Medicine/Health/Microbiology, and Physics and Astronomy. Many students chose to tackle important, relevant issues with their research, with projects that investigate COVID-19, the effects of remote learning, climate change, cancer research, and more.

When students are not presenting to judges, they can tune in to a day-long live broadcast of educational content from Carnegie Science Center, including interviews with STEM professionals, the new *Science of Hockey* Science on the Road assembly, an Exhibit Exploration virtual field trip experience, engaging videos of science demonstrations, and more.

Select Senior Division students (grades 9–12) will advance to the virtual Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), which will be held May 3–6, 2021. At ISEF, Senior Division PRSEF winners will join hundreds of winners from regional fairs in more than 80 other countries across the globe as they compete for nearly \$5 million in awards.

First, second, and third place category award winners in the Junior (grade 6) and Intermediate (grades 7–8) Divisions will advance to Broadcom MASTERS, a competition that consists of the top 10% of middle school projects entered in fairs around the United States.

PRSEF participants can also compete for a variety of sponsor awards and scholarship awards from 14 regional colleges and universities. In addition, three students will be selected for recognition at the 2021 Carnegie Science Awards, the Science Center's annual awards program recognizing outstanding STEM innovators.

PRSEF has been a Pittsburgh tradition since 1940. It is the third oldest science fair in the United States under the affiliation of Society for Science & the Public, which runs the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) and the Broadcom MASTERS middle school competition.

For more information, go to PittsburghScienceFair.org.

About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

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