

November 18, 2009

Dear Principals, School Counselors and Science Department Directors:

Children's Hospital Medical Center is pleased to announce that the seventeenth annual High School Science Student Symposium will be held at Cincinnati Children's on **Monday, March 15, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

We believe it is essential to encourage students to plan early for careers in science and medicine. The aim of this yearly Symposium is to stimulate students' interest in biomedical careers by allowing them to meet and learn first-hand about the work of doctors, scientists and allied health professionals who are finding new treatments and cures for childhood diseases and improving the outcomes for children today.

We invite you to select **TWO OF YOUR OUTSTANDING SCIENCE STUDENTS** (juniors or seniors only, please) **TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SCIENCE FACULTY MEMBER or other adult representative of your school** to attend our program and luncheon. Space is limited, so early registration is suggested. Last year we had to close registration early so do not wait until the last minute to register. Only 3 people per school will be accepted.

The students will learn about career opportunities in the allied health sciences and biomedical research and tour clinical and research facilities at CCHMC for hands-on presentations of biomedical science at work. We hope that they will leave with a greater interest in pursuing a career in health care or research. This year we are adding biomedical research careers and clinical trial coordinator to the concurrent morning programming. Each participant will have the opportunity to attend **two** out of 7 morning presentations on different health care professions (see application). As in the past, the second part of the symposium will feature hands-on activities with small groups touring three areas of the Medical Center and the Research Foundation, including the new research tower. The day will conclude with a luncheon, presentation of summer program opportunities at CCHMC for students, and a featured speaker.

**Like last year, the application is web-based.** Only one registration form will be accepted per school. The Registration form, program information, directions to CCHMC, and photos from previous symposia are now available online at:

<http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/science-day>

To fill out the form you will need the names of all participants, and their choices for the morning workshops and group/hands-on presentations. Each participant needs to be pre-registered for two morning workshops. Please rank your top 4 choices for the small group hands-on presentations. Due to scheduling conflicts we can only guarantee that your group will be scheduled for at least one of your choices of the group presentations.

If your school plans to participate in the symposium this year, please complete the registration form on the web ASAP. You will receive faxed confirmation of your registration. If you have problems with filling out the registration form or would rather receive a paper or e-mail confirmation, please contact Wanda Downton at (513) 636-9281 or by e-mail at [Wanda.Downton@cchmc.org](mailto:Wanda.Downton@cchmc.org).

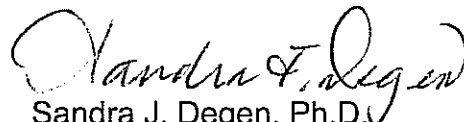
SCHOOLS WILL BE ADMITTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST SERVED BASIS. Due to space constraints, registration will be limited to 45 schools so please register *early* to assure acceptance in the program. Registration will be closed at midnight on February 22nd or when 45 schools have been accepted.

We hope that you will be able to join us on March 15th for what promises to be a truly interesting and educational program.

Sincerely,



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