



February 2, 2021

Dear Principals, School Counselors and Science Department Directors:

Children's Hospital Medical Center is pleased to announce that the annual High School Science Student Symposium will be held this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the format of the Symposium has been changed to a combination of pre-recorded presentations that can be accessed through the website and viewed by anyone. Plus, a virtual Zoom event featuring 2 concurrent presentations and real-time discussions with professionals on **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 to 6pm for STEM students and teachers who pre-register.

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 announce the opportunity to your junior and senior STEM students to sign up for the virtual symposium. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly encouraged. We will likely have to close registration early so do not wait until the last minute to register.

Your students will learn about career opportunities in the allied health sciences and biomedical research and will be able to interact directly with up to 3 specialists when they sign up. We hope that they will leave with a greater interest in pursuing a career in health care or research. Each participant will have the opportunity to attend one of two presentations from 4:30 to 5:00pm (see attached). From 5:00 to 6:00pm students will attend breakout sessions with specialists while science teachers will learn about how to use the flatworm *C. elegans* in their classroom and opportunities to obtain used lab equipment including a dissecting microscope that is necessary to work with *C. elegans*. *Students must specify in the application which specialties they want to talk to as indicated on the website. Teachers need to register and then email [Cindy.Bachurski@cchmc.org](mailto:Cindy.Bachurski@cchmc.org) to sign up for the C.elegans presentation.*

**The application is web-based**, each participant must register separately. Please access the website for the Registration form, links to the pre-recorded presentations and details about the program:

<https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/education/research/high-school/science-student-symposium>

**Check your SPAM filter if you do not receive an invite immediately after signing up.** If you have problems with filling out the registration form, please contact Lisa Higgins by e-mail at [Lisa.Higgins@cchmc.org](mailto:Lisa.Higgins@cchmc.org).

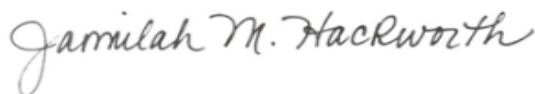
Students and teachers WILL BE ADMITTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. Due to space constraints, registration will be limited to 200 participants so please register *early* to assure acceptance in the program. Registration will be closed at noon on **January 14, 2021** or when 200 participants have registered.

We hope that you will be able to join us on February 24th for what promises to be another interesting and educational program. We also included a list of other outreach programs offered by CCHMC for you to share with your students.

Sincerely,



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