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PRESS RELEASE

**SCIENCE MONTGOMERY HOLDS ITS 54TH ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR
ON MARCH 19-21**

ScienceMONTGOMERY, is one of the largest Science Fairs in the U.S., bringing together scientists, engineers, mathematicians, educators, students and parents throughout the county, will be holding its 54th Annual Science Fair March 19-21. Judging will take place on Saturday, March 20, in the Reckord Armory Building at the University of Maryland, College Park. The Fair activities will conclude on Sunday with an award ceremony at the Gaithersburg High School Auditorium.

Every year, over 500 students from 40 public and private schools, grades 6-12, participate in this event that awarded over 470 prizes, valued at over \$45,000, in 2009.

More than 200 volunteer judges, representing many of the area's premier science, technology and education organizations, participate each year. The categories by which the students are judged are: behavioral and social sciences, biochemistry, biology, chemistry, computer science, earth and space science, engineering, environmental science, mathematics, medicine and health, microbiology and physics.

ScienceMONTGOMERY is an independent, all-volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that promotes interest in science in the youth of the area. *ScienceMONTGOMERY* is completely funded by sponsors. This organization is affiliated with the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) and follows the Intel ISEF rules and regulations to assure the safest scientific research methods.

As an ISEF-affiliated Fair, we sponsor the top science fair projects to present at the international competition (this year, in San Jose, California) where, in the last six years, *ScienceMONTGOMERY* winners have been rewarded with a combined \$85,000 in scholarships and honors.

For more information, please visit *ScienceMONTGOMERY*'s Web site: <http://www.sciencemontgomery.org> and anyone with questions should contact Fair Director Greg Neuschafer by phone (301)424-9131 or email at SciMONT@aol.com.