



# STANYS State Science Congress

## The College of Saint Rose

Albany, New York

June 10-12, 2011



Dear Section Chairs and Science Congress Directors,

Plans are in progress for the STANYS State Science Congress! The only pieces missing are the students from your section. If you plan on sending students to the State Science Congress, please read the following information carefully, as there have been several changes.

Along with the information available on the STANYS website ([www.stanys.org](http://www.stanys.org)), you are advised:

1. The 2011 STANYS State Science Congress will be held at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York, from June 10-12, 2011. Judging will take place on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
2. At least one Chaperone is **REQUIRED** for every three students throughout the weekend.
3. There is a \$20 per student registration fee required for participation in the STANYS State Science Congress. This fee may be paid for by the school or included as part of a prize package for a Section Science Congress, but it is not expected that students will be responsible for this cost.
4. During judging, finalists **MUST** remain in the assigned room for the entire time until the last presentation is completed. There will be **NO** exceptions.
5. A Finalist **MUST** be present at the Banquet Awards Ceremony to receive an award.
6. STANYS Science Congress Section Approval Forms are required. These forms can be downloaded from the STANYS website, [www.stanys.org](http://www.stanys.org). This form should be used by all Section Science Congresses.
7. An online plagiarism service may be used to check research papers. Reports should be typed or word-processed on 8.5 by 11.0-in. paper. Reports should be 10 to 20 pages long for the senior division and 5 to 10 pages long for the junior division. **FINALISTS MUST PROVIDE FIVE HARD COPIES OF THEIR PAPER!** The cover page of the report should contain **ONLY** the title of the project and the student's name. The name of the student's school or community should not appear anywhere in the paper, presentation, or project materials. An abstract should follow the cover page and should be no more than 250 words. The abstract should include the purpose of the experiment, procedure, data, and conclusions. It should *not* include acknowledgements or work done by the mentor/advisor.
8. An electronic copy of the abstract is required. Students should submit their abstract in PDF format to [parkera@strose.edu](mailto:parkera@strose.edu) no later than Wednesday, May 18, 2011. The student's name should be included on the abstract, but not the name of the school or community.
9. **Limited arrangements have been made for students and chaperones to stay on campus on a first-come, first-served basis.** One chaperone for every three students from a section must stay in the dorms if students are staying in the dorms. Other chaperones and adults are welcome to attend the event, but may choose alternate accommodations. A list of places to stay is available on the Saint Rose website, [http://www.strose.edu/Visitors/map\\_directions.asp](http://www.strose.edu/Visitors/map_directions.asp). There is a limit of three guests per finalist for all Science Congress events.

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Available on the STANYS website are the following required forms, due to be **received** no later than Wednesday, May 18, 2011:

1. Student Registration & Information Form
2. Certification and Required Forms
3. Press Release Form
4. Medical Release Form
5. Dormitory Form
6. Chaperone Form
7. Section Approval Form
8. Section Report (to be submitted by Section Science Congress Director)
9. Numbers Verification

Also enclosed is a congratulatory letter to be distributed to finalists. Please make copies of the letter and the forms listed above as needed for your participants. Hard copies of the forms are available on request.

Once all of the required information, forms, copies of paper and abstract, and registration fees are received, a confirmation e-mail with further information will be sent to all Finalists and registered chaperones. Thank you very much for your help!

Sincerely,

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