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ATTENTION

Middle School, High School, College Students and Their Teachers

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You are invited to participate in the

First Annual STEM Showcase!

Saturday, March 1, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo

Join us for an exciting day of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) demonstrations, presentations, and hands-on activities. High school, middle school, and college-level student teams from San Luis Obispo County schools and local STEM focused organizations will showcase their current experiments, simulations, and projects. This event is intended to be more encompassing than a "science fair" and will significantly expand the STEM pipeline. There will be a special guest speaker and prizes in a variety of categories for the participants. A banquet lunch will be provided for the participants and their teachers/mentors.

The importance of STEM education for the nation's future well-being has been stressed in many reports over the past few years, most recently from the National Academies, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*.

"Because other nations have, and probably will continue to have, the competitive advantage of low-wage structure, the United States must compete by optimizing its knowledge-based resources, particularly in science and technology, and by sustaining the most fertile environment for new and revitalized industries and the well-paying jobs they bring. We have already seen that capital, factories, and laboratories readily move wherever they are thought to have the greatest promise of return."

Rising Above the Gathering Storm

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