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Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair (MSSEF) Receives Grant from Genzyme Corporation

Grant will support MSSEF's goal to inspire young students to pursue science and engineering studies and careers.

CAMBRIDGE, MA, March 11, 2011 – MSSEF announced that the Genzyme Corporation has made a grant to support the science fair programs in Massachusetts schools and the annual showcasing of stellar research projects by high and middle school students. At the statewide high school competition, Genzyme's grant of \$50,000 also includes the largest award for the "top" student. This special award is a national model and recognizes the student's excellence in research as well as the student's teacher and the school science department.

"A prime sponsor since 1999, Genzyme's support of the MSSEF mission and programs has and will help thousands of Massachusetts youth to experience the challenge and excitement of the "real world" discovery process. Genzyme's support of the inquiry approach to science education is making a difference in our schools and also helping MSSEF to advance science literacy and create greater awareness of the importance of the Governor's statewide STEM Plan," said Cora Beth Abel, MSSEF Executive Director.

“We are proud to support MSSEF,” said Caren Arnstein, senior vice president of corporate affairs at Genzyme. “We believe it is essential to impact grass-roots science education, and we are pleased to share this goal with partners, like MSSEF, to respond to the important needs of the community.”

ABOUT MSSEF

The Massachusetts Science & Engineering Fair (MSSEF) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization that was founded in 1949 by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a group of spirited science educators from K-12 and academia. For over six decades, MSSEF programs have advanced science literacy and inspired new generations of science and engineering leaders. MSSEF’s efforts in support of “real world” inquiry-based learning has impacted over 28,000 students and hundreds of teachers and thousands of students each year across the Commonwealth.

2011 SCIENCE FAIR DATES

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| High School: | Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair |
| May 5 – 7. | Public exhibition on Sat, May 7, 12:30-3:30 pm |
| | MIT Johnson Athletic Center, Cambridge |
| Middle School: | Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair |
| June 4 | Public exhibition on Sat, June 4, 12:30-3:30 pm |
| | Worcester Technical High School |

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