

We are celebrating our 60th Anniversary this year! Thank you for being part of a great STEM opportunities for students. We have expanded our service area to included 34 counties! Now every student in Pennsylvania will have the opportunity to participate in an International Science and Engineering Fair affiliated fair. To accommodate our expansion and give us more elbow room during judging, we will be housing some categories in the lobby of Harrisburg University. This area is easily accessible via Strawberry Square. We will also need more judges to accommodate these additional students, so please recruit a friend or colleague.

JUDGING DAY is Thursday, March 23, 2017

We sincerely appreciate the generous donation of your time and I am seeking your assistance in several ways:

First, I ask you to commit to helping in the task. Judging registration opens December 1st, please mark your calendars to register on line at <https://casef.stemwizard.com> (please note this is NOT the company we used last year) or you may complete the [Judging Reply Form](#) and email it to casef@whitakercenter.org STEMWIZARD.com is an award winning company with experience and support for science fair management. We will be using paper and pencil judging this year – the digital rubric we tried last year was just not effective nor user friendly. The judging reply form and rubrics are available to on our web page www.casef.org also new, once judging assignments are made, you will receive an email verification with access to the project abstracts prior to the fair. The hope is to help stream line the judging and make better use of your time on the floor. The judges will again meet in the People Place in the Strawberry Square Food Court (just across the Third Street Bridge from Whitaker Center and the Walnut Street garage. We have received generous grant funding to help off-set fair expenses in honor of our Diamond Anniversary Celebration and we will be able to help with parking expenses this year!

The tentative agenda for the day is:

7:45 AM coffee and light breakfast and followed by a brief meeting

9:00 Judging of displays

11:00 Lunch we will provide a catered lunch in the People Place, however,

Food court vouchers can be provided if requested on the registration form

12:00 – 1:30 Student interviews

Tally and turn in scores

Grand Champion Judging is Friday March 24 9-11am. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

Secondly, we are looking for our alumni. Former participants, grand champions, judges and sponsors. We would like to extend an invitation to the Award Ceremony on SATURDAY MARCH 25 at 1pm. Attached is a list of our grand champions. If you know any of them, please spread the word and ask them to register under the alumni tab at www.casef.org

Lastly, there are several ways to support CASEF, as we celebrate our 60th year we would ask you to please consider either personally, professionally or through civic or professional organizations providing a special award for the fair. Special awards can be anything from recognition certificates, merchandise, subscriptions, memberships, gift cards or scholarship awards. A special award goes a long way in encouraging students. The criteria for the award is determined by the presenter. It can be in honor or memory of someone, it can be whimsical (use of photography or a specific color, or just a whacky/inventive idea) or have a specific topic (like health, environmental impact, or outer space) There are several other easy ways to support CASEF. When placing orders on *Amazon*, please choose CASEF through the **Amazon Smiles** program so that we might receive a charitable donation from Amazon for the order you are placing. If you or your business have **Citi ThanYou** or **Hilton HHonors points** they can be converted to donations through www.pointworthy.com CASEF can also be chosen as an option on the pledge card for **United Way** giving. Every little bit helps!

Once again, we thank you for your generous support and taking the time to be the most important and influential part of our fair.