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Not Your Average High School Science Fair!
Unique, Award-Winning Event Showcases Innovative Biotech and Biomedical Projects

- A film that makes the case for more autism research funding...
- A creative writing piece on smallpox vaccine written from the perspective of the diary of Edward Jenner, vaccination pioneer...
- A research project investigating how immune cells respond to different proteins...
- A metal sculpture depicting a horse ligament injury in wire and silverware...

The Northwest Association for Biomedical Research (NWABR) announces the Student Biotech Expo, the culminating event of an innovative science education outreach program. The Expo engages over 300 area high school students from 21 schools in real-world applications of new frontiers in biology and builds connections between students, teachers, and scientists!

Our Student Biotech Expo (www.nwabr.org/studentbiotech) provides the Seattle-area with one of its only competitive high school science fairs. However, the Expo is not your usual science fair! It differs from regular fairs in two main ways. 1) Students develop projects with the assistance of a community advisor – an individual in a science-related profession – who helps open the door for students into the world of research. 2) Students can enter life-science themed projects in 11 categories as diverse as art, music, drama, writing, and traditional scientific research. By applying their own talents to their projects, students are motivated to see the connection between science and their own lives and interests. This year, **Dr. Elson Floyd, WSU President**, will provide the keynote speech emphasizing the importance of mentorship.

As one parent noted, ***“Life-changing’ is not too strong a description for the impact of the Biotech Expo on my son. No other program or experience has had such a strong and immediate impact on his plans for the future.”***

WHEN: Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2008
WHERE: Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue, Washington
AGENDA: 8:00 am Event begins, Keynote Speech
9:00-11:30 Student Presentations/Judging
12:30-1:00 Special Performances
1:00 Awards Ceremony
2:00 pm Event ends

About the Northwest Association for Biomedical Research (NWABR): NWABR is a non-profit that promotes the understanding of biomedical research and its ethical conduct through service to its member organizations and education outreach programs.

Participating high schools: Ballard HS, Bellarmine Prep, WF West HS Chehalis, Cleveland HS, Eastlake HS, Eastside Catholic HS, Garfield HS, Ingraham HS, International School Kirkland, Juanita HS, Lynnwood HD, Mercer Island HS, Nathan Hale HS, Overlake HS, Royal City HS, Seattle Lutheran HS, Shorecrest HS, Shorewood HS, Sumner HS, The Attic, West Seattle HS

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