

2009

Dear Friend of the State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida:

The *Florida Foundation for Future Scientists* administers the State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida competition. We are *Celebrating 54 Years of Discovery* April 15th – 17th, 2009 at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland. As usual, we will be expecting over 800 middle and senior high participants.

The SSEF is only possible through many teachers, administrators, corporate members and the individuals who volunteer thousands of hours each year. We are the most successful Science and Engineering in the world as our participants have won more awards at the International Science and Engineering Fair than any other state or nation.

We are experiencing decreases in financial support even as we look to celebrating the 54th SSEF in April. We are asking you to help in any way that you can. If you work for a company that employs scientists and/or engineers, please send us information concerning who we should contact for support. A name, title, address, telephone number and email address would be wonderful.

We have established a *Friend for the State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida Fund* in hopes of raising funds to support the operational expenses of the SSEF. It seems that many people work very hard to raise funds for school sports. We are asking you to support us in providing this intellectual and academic competition. This provides a much needed opportunity for students that are interested in science and engineering fields to compete and be judged by expert scientists. We have a very high percentage of our Finalists who become the science research professionals in your community – far higher than any of the Finalists turning professional from sports competitions.

We ask you to consider supporting the *Friend for the State Science and Engineering of Florida Fund* so that we may continue our tradition. Please complete the Donation Gift Form and send it with your gift to 4000 Central Florida Blvd, Building 40, Room 107, Orlando, Florida 32816. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 407-823-4347.

Cordially,

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