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**ARIZONA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR SHOWCASES THE
BRIGHTEST STUDENTS FROM ACROSS ARIZONA**

PHOENIX, AZ (3/30/16) – The Arizona Science and Engineering Fair (AzSEF) is the state fair for Arizona. Managed by Arizona Science Center, AzSEF brings together first-place winners from school, homeschool, district, county and regional science fairs across Arizona to compete for thousands of dollars in prizes and scholarships. The Grand Award winners in the Senior Division from the state-level fair will be selected to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) taking place May 8–13, in Phoenix, Arizona for more than 5 million dollars in scholarships and prizes.

“The students competing at the Arizona Science and Engineering fair are an exceptional showcase of the innovation and potential for Arizona's future. These students are the best student researchers, scientists, and engineers in the state, and I am inspired by the way they are looking at the world around them and not just asking the important questions, but helping to develop solutions. These are important skills for the 21st Century workforce, and I am honored that we can play a part in fostering that curiosity and drive,” says Sari Custer, Director of Arizona Science and Engineering Fair.

Arizona youth in fifth through twelfth grades are eligible to enter the competition in categories including animal sciences, behavioral and social sciences, cellular and molecular biology, chemistry, computer science, earth and planetary science, environmental sciences, mathematical sciences, medicine and health sciences, physics and astronomy, plant sciences, and more.

The public is invited to attend on Thursday, April 7, between 5 and 8 p.m. to explore AzSEF entries and attend AzSEF Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Phoenix Convention Center South Ballroom.

Sponsors include Intel, Arizona SciTech Festival, Craig and Barbara Barrett Foundation, GoDaddy, ASU Rob and Melani Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives, SRP, Grand Canyon University, Broadcom MASTERS, and Maricopa Community Colleges.

Visit azsef.org to register or to read more details:



When: April 6–8, 2016

April 6 (8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.)

- Project check-in and set-up (all Divisions)

April 7

- Elementary division judging and interviews from 9–11 a.m.
- Junior division judging and interviews from 12–2 p.m.
- Senior division judging and interviews from 12–3:30 p.m.
- Public Day from 5-8 p.m.

April 8

- AzSEF Awards ceremony
Located at Phoenix Convention Center South Ballroom at 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Where: Phoenix Convention Center – West Hall, Lower Level
185 N. Second St., Phoenix 85004

About Arizona Science Center

The mission of Arizona Science Center is to inspire, educate and engage curious minds through science. The Center, located at 600 E Washington Street in downtown Phoenix, features more than 300 hands-on exhibit, live demonstrations, a state-of the art Dorrance Planetarium, a five-story IMAX® theater, and newly opened, CREATE at Arizona Science Center – a place where science, design and engineering collide! For further details please visit azscience.org.

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