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## **MathScience Innovation Center Announces Results from 2009 Metro Richmond Science Fair**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Metro Richmond Science Fair was held at Powhatan High School on Saturday, March 21, 2009. Students from seventeen middle and high schools, representing seven different school districts, participated in this year's Fair. A total of 113 trophies were awarded in both Junior and Senior Divisions.

The Metro Richmond Science Fair is affiliated with the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. It is open to 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Richmond area who attend schools which are members of the MathScience Innovation Center consortium. Each year the judges select two students to represent the MRSF at the international fair. In addition, top winners from each of the Senior Division categories advance to the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair in April.

This year, Jonathan Guinther and Suraj Mishra were chosen to represent the MRSF at the Intel ISEF in Reno, Nevada in May. Both students are seniors from the Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology at Godwin High School in Henrico County. This is Suraj's second trip to the Intel ISEF as he went to Atlanta as a representative of the state science fair in 2008. As our winners they receive an all-expense paid trip to Reno and the opportunity to compete for over \$4 million dollars in prizes and scholarships. Their teacher, Denise Williams, will accompany the students to Reno.

The Metro Richmond Science Fair is organized and administered each year by the MathScience Innovation Center. This year's competition started when 678 students submitted their project papers to the MSiC in early February. All of the papers were screened and scored at least twice by judges from the academic and scientific communities. Based on these screenings, the best projects were selected to be

displayed at the Metro Richmond Science Fair. At the Fair 300 students presented their written projects as well as visual displays and were interviewed by a separate panel of judges.

A full list of this year's winners is posted on the Metro Richmond Science Fair web site at: <http://msinnovation.info/scifair/index.htm>.