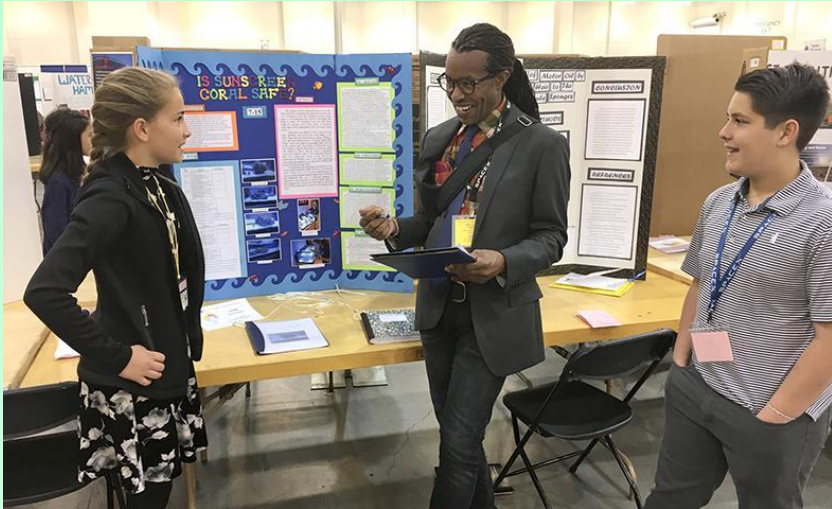


Interviews and Judging

Details on Judging will be finalized by Jan, 2024



Procedure

- Inside: filter paper, 12 mg of powder, & 1 more filter paper
- 20 trials per solution: 10 with the cups cleaned; 10 with the cups uncleaned



Clothing

- Neat, preferably **business style** – it shows your respect for the judges



Your in-person Interview

- **Don't miss your interview time!**
 - You will be sent to a **breakout room** by the host, where your **friendly & interested judges** will be waiting for you.
- **Be positive!** You've done the *very best* you could!



First Impressions

- **Introduce yourself** to each judge – **SMILE!** (they know you will be nervous)
- **Courtesy:** stand by exhibit and look at the camera when you are explaining your project, data, any models



Judging Tips

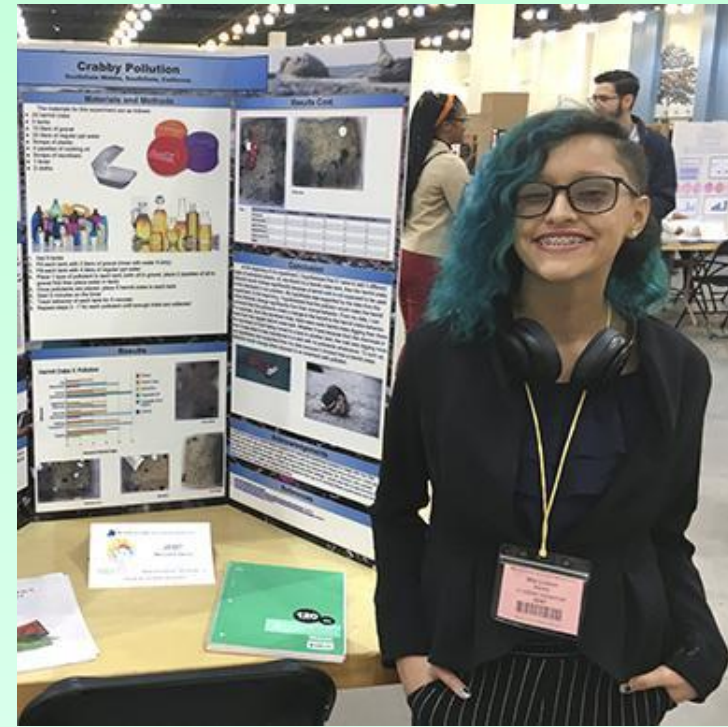
- **Courtesy:** the judges will tell you when they are ready for you to begin. After your presentation, they may wish to see 3D Models or equipment you used.
- **Be Positive**
 - Be calm, confident and professional.
 - You've done the *very best* you could!



Download "[Interview Tips & Tools](#)" in Google Drive

What Judges Expect from Students

- **Enthusiasm!** An interview can be fun!
- **Pride** in your projects and accomplishments
- Give **as much information** as possible, **BUT...**
 - Be able to explain your projects **clearly** and **concisely**
- To be able answer questions **appropriate to your grade and age**



The Judges Will Want To Know:

- **How** was your project topic selected?
- Did you **receive help** and if so, *how much*?
- What has been **previously known** about the project's general subject area?
- What would the you do **if there were additional time** to spend on the project?
- **What have you learned** investigation?
- If this project was continued, would be the **step(s)**?

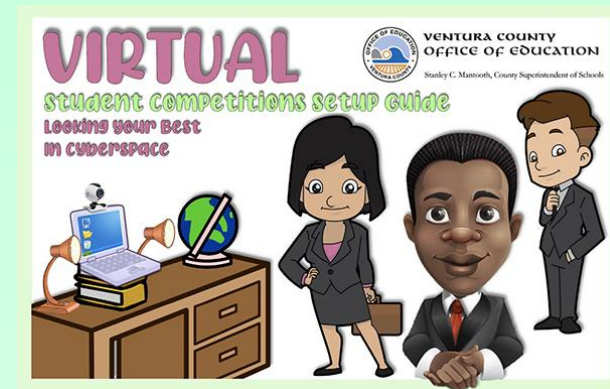


Attending Virtual Judging

Some **Special Awards** MAY require a second interview by the Award sponsor, by Zoom, **the day after in-person judging.**

******** Check out the **“Set up Guide”** by **Ventura CSF!**

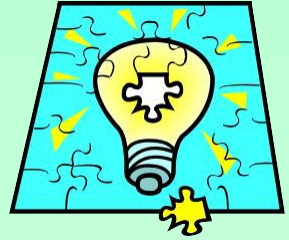
- Have a **strong bandwidth** internet connection
- Have the **proper Zoom links** ready for each portion of the fair
 - Know how to use **chat, mute** microphones, turn on **video** camera
- Have **snacks** and **drinks** ready!
- If possible, sit in a **well-lit area**, with front lighting



Judging Standards-Science

- **Creativity**

- Originality, uniqueness of approach



- **Scientific Thought**

- Depth of study and effort in using scientific procedures to solve a clearly defined problem

- **Thoroughness**

- Study is complete within the scope of the problem.



Judging Standards-Science

- **Special skills**

- Construction or equipment use; computational and design skills



- **Clarity**

- Clearly explained orally and through the display.
- Project notebook is well organized, neat and accurate.
- Sources of ideas, data and assistance are clearly identified



Judging Standards-Engineering

- **Engineering/Math/Computer Creativity**
 - Concepts used ingeniously, new viewpoint or interpretation of results
- **Analytical Methods**
 - Depth of study and effort, clarity, refining
- **Presentation**
 - Good visuals, clear explanations
- **Background**
 - Appropriate literature search, special skills evident, detailed notebook



Judging Standards-Teams

- **Team Aspects**

- Why is this a *team* project?
- Do all understand objectives & outcome?
- Unique contributions of team members?

- **Good Science Aspects**

- Creativity, scientific thought, thoroughness, skill, clarity

- **Research Notebook**

- **Quantitative Analysis**

- **Qualitative Analysis**



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