

New Jersey Science and Engineering Festival Comes to Clifton

Event Scheduled for October 23 and 24



Board of Education Commissioner Michael Paitchell is the founder and Executive Director of the New Jersey Applied Science and Technology Council, a nonprofit organization, that will be staging the New Jersey Science and Engineering Festival.

The New Jersey Event is the New Jersey Satellite based event of the USA Science and Engineering Festival in Washington DC. Many believe that the USA needs to get more young people interested in science and technology, choosing technical careers, becoming assets to industry, and developing new industries if we are to continue to function and grow as a viable country. It appears that the general population is less interested in

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science than ever before, and they have a minimal understanding of technology. A Science Festival, similar to those staged throughout Europe and Asia, is a great way to get people of all ages excited to experience a wide range of state of the art science and it's practical application. The goal of the festival is to revitalize and re-invigorate our country by doing this, and make the USA more competitive in the Global Economy.

This is NOT a classic "Science Fair" that is geared towards highly technical research projects that would bore most people. It is a totally FREE TO THE PUBLIC event, and is designed to be EXCITING, FUN, INSPIRATIONAL, and edu-

cational, to be enjoyed by the masses and people of all ages - including students of



all grades, from elementary school through college and graduate programs! There will be, in addition to the very interesting exhibits and lectures, contests, musical performances, theater, art, film, and other events in celebration of Science and Technology, which will make this a spectacular

event, not to be missed! The New Jersey Festival will be held in Clifton High School and the surrounding athletic fields on October 23 and 24, 2010. The New

Jersey Event will run concurrent with the USA Festival on the National Mall in Washington DC. A portion of Essex County Airport will be the site of Aerospace and Aircraft Exhibits. Plans are to have a free shuttle bus running between Clifton High and the Airport.

Paitchell stated that he chose Clifton because of his attachment to the communi-

ty, and the great facility in Clifton High School, and the hospitality of the great City of Clifton. Clifton is also a perfect location due to it's proximity to all major roads and NYC.

Many of New Jersey's Nobel Laureates, leading scientists, industrial and education leaders, and possibly an Astronaut, who are anticipated to attend, should make this a phenomenal event that is sure to receive much national coverage and put Clifton on the map. Exhibitors from major Industries - including

biotech, life science, high technology, robotics, electronics, automation, aeronautics, defense, etc. are expected, as well as representation and exhibits from several Universities, Museums, Institutes, Government Agencies, Science Centers, and Professional Societies are expected. Thousands of visitors are expected to attend. This event will be funded totally by corporate and private donations, and many volunteers will be needed.

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