



Forum in Focus

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President's Letter

Dear Forum Members:

It's true what they say . . . time flies when you are having fun. It feels as if I just wrote my first "President's letter" for the Forum in Focus and now I am writing for the Spring issue . . . and my last as President.

January saw the initiation of our annual education program for area high school students with advanced science students from area high schools touring the Foundation every week from January through March. The Forum-sponsored Student Tours of the Foundation, capably coordinated by **Roxana Newsom** and **Audrey Mangold**, went very smoothly this year with many Trustees serving as hostesses. A special thanks to the Forum volunteers, Foundation staff members, and scientists who help inspire and challenge these young minds with today's scientific breakthroughs! I especially enjoyed watching the students fire off so many intelligent and imaginative questions for the scientists . . . this is a program that really makes a difference with students interested in science.

Last month, the Forum sponsored another sold-out luncheon that was once again coordinated by the amazing team of **Laura Moorman** and **Mary Herff**. Morey Kraus gave an informative talk on the research being done with umbilical cord stem cells. He spoke of the diseases that are currently being helped by these stem cells as well as the differences between (and need for both) public and private banking.

Just prior to the luncheon, the 2008 Science Education Award winners were announced to a crowd that included all of the recipients themselves. A number of area high



Allison Zeller

school teachers competed for the coveted grants – five prizes and an honorable mention – from the Forum and the V.H. McNutt Foundation, who once again matched our prize monies. In addition, all teachers who entered but did not place received a special monetary award from the L.D. Ormsby Foundation.

Dottie Cooper and **Julie Zacher**, award coordinators, commented they were truly amazed by the applications and that each of them deserved to win. Teachers from Medina, Harlandale, Clemens, East Central, SA Christian and Brackenridge High Schools were invited to make brief

remarks upon receiving their awards and I was amazed by the clever projects and am jealous of the students that will benefit from them – especially the mock CSI lab that can extract DNA from chewing gum!!!

The grand finale of our membership year, the Gala, is set for May 3, 2008. The *Beyond the Sea* Gala Chairs, **Anne Johnston** and **Anne Heaner** along with Gala Assistant **Kim Shepperd** have been leading their troops of volunteers to what will be quite a splash! The committees have been working diligently acquiring fabulous raffle prizes, selling out tables, and conjuring up decorations that will be *beyond* impressive. Special thanks to these three ladies and their entire committee!!

Together, our outstanding volunteers and your support have made this a record-breaking year so far! Let's keep the momentum rolling by supporting our Gala on May 3rd.

We are an amazing group of women who are determined to make a difference, with our skills, passion and ingenuity! It reminds me of a quote from Theodore Roosevelt: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Zeller".

Allison Zeller
President 2007-2008
Southwest Foundation Forum

The purpose of the Southwest Foundation Forum is to support the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research through community relations, volunteer service and fundraising.

Beyond The Sea

Diving In To An Underwater Paradise

Pack your bags and prepare to dive in with the 2008 Spring Gala, Beyond The Sea. All hands are on deck and busy preparing for this splendid affair! Co-Chairs and Captains **Anne Johnston** and **Anne Heaner** are at the helm with their trusty first-mate, **Kim Shepperd**, guiding this ship smoothly to the paradise beyond. Final destination for this underwater paradise – The Argyle. The party sets sail on May 3rd, 2008 at six o'clock in the evening, and promises a glamorous evening of cocktails, fun-filled gaming, delicious cuisine, spectacular prizes, and lively dancing to the sounds of London Calling (thank you **Debbie Chesney** and **Nancy Barnes!**). With the beautiful floral design of **Danny Cuellar**, favors by **Julian Gold**, the creative genius of **Bryan Azar** and **Ilios Lighting**, Beyond The Sea will take you farther than we've ever gone before!

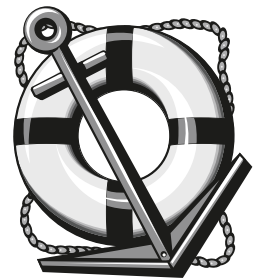


One of the most popular new additions to the Gala, the After Party, joins the crew at 9 pm, under the guidance of our very own Cruise Directors, **Jenni Curren** and **Susanne Marco**. Come to dance, visit with friends, try your hand at the casino games, and enter to win one of the fantastic raffle prizes. After Party tickets are \$75 per person, and if you are interested in reserving one of these coveted tickets, please contact Jenni at 826-6775 or purchase your tickets on-line at www.swff.org.

This year's Raffle Prizes are some of the most amazing prizes ever offered, thanks to the diligent work of **Courtney Duphorne** and **Tracy Williams**. Raffle Tickets are \$50 for Packages 1-9 and \$100 for Package 10 and can be purchased with tickets in your invitations or on-line at www.swf.org. For more information on the raffle, please email Courtney Duphorne at courtney.duphorne@rbcdain.com or Tracy Williams at tracymwilliams@swbell.net.

The Gala Grants, headed up by **Catherine Comeaux** and **Cathryn Le Vrier**, is proving to be a huge success! So far, we have received more than 35 donations and that number continues to climb! If you know someone who is interested in making a Gala Grant, please contact Catherine at comeaux@satx.rr.com.

Beyond The Sea would not be possible without the generous support of our Underwriters and Sponsors. A special thanks to all the local businesses and families whose generosity makes this gala possible and to **Karen Lee Zachry** and **Anita Allison** who worked so hard to accommodate requests.



Our Captains would like to take this opportunity to thank the rest of their dedicated committee chairs who are working tirelessly to make this year's gala, the most impressive yet, both in terms of fun for guests and dollars raised to fund pilot research studies by SFBR scientists:

- A special thanks to **Paula Lloyd** and **Meredith Campbell** for the beautiful seafaring invitations, and a salute to **Debbie Duperier** and **Kimberly Archer** for launching them in such splendid fashion.
- Thank you to **Melissa Morgan** and **Michelle Stevens** for working tirelessly to decorate this underwater dream world.
- **Shannon Wingrove** and **Julie Zacher** are busy collecting favorable favors, and their efforts are much appreciated.

Laura Moorman has communicated messages to the team so everyone is on board. **Julie Dudley** and **Amy White** have made sure all guests will enjoy the games which add to the excitement of the night. **Mary Beth Mosbacher** and **Melissa Barnett** have worked non-stop to make sure all of the logistical details are covered. **Lynn Berryman** and **Kathryn Dehlinger** are perfecting a delicious menu. **Courtney Burkholder** is alerting all the media so the gala is the news of the day. **Jodi Wood** and **Leanne Kelly** are keeping the money in order and Dana **Hamilton** has brought us into the technological world by making it possible to purchase items online.

All committee chairs and volunteers have worked so hard to ensure success! Be sure to check out all the latest Gala information on our web-site, SWFF.org, to make a reservation, a donation, purchase raffle tickets, or learn how you can help to launch this splendid affair.

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Gala Raffle offers Amazing Prizes

Our Raffle committee, chaired by **Courtney Duphorne** and **Tracy Williams** has been very busy pulling together the most amazing prizes and packages for this year's Gala. We are very fortunate to feature one of



the most extraordinary getaways imaginable – enjoy a Ten Night Safari in Botswana and South Africa compliments of Ker & Downey and Oceana Beach and Wildlife Reserve. This amazing journey will begin in Johannesburg where you will rest for one evening before the true adventure begins. Then, you will visit Shinde, Kanana & Okuti Camps in Botswana to experience close encounters with the Big 5 and other African animals, powerboat excursions

to see nesting and breeding sites of large concentrations of herons and storks as well as crocodiles, hippopotami, and many endangered bird species. You will then travel to the heart of South Africa's Eastern Cape Region



and stay at the Ocean Beach and Wildlife Reserve for three nights. This ultra-luxurious haven for world travelers offers five-star dining, game drives, water sports, helicopter rides, hikes and a full spa nestled in the midst of an exotic ocean/game reserve. At every camp you are sure to have breathtaking views as well as the very best in cuisine, accommodations, and service. This is truly an exceptional opportunity that should not be missed!



PACKAGE #1 **AN EVENING AT THE ARGYLE CLUB**

Delight in a private wine dinner for eight at San Antonio's exclusive dining club, The Argyle. An elegant centerpiece, provided by Danny Cuellar, will be the perfect touch to your surroundings. You and your date are sure to be the best-dressed couple at dinner, appearing in a custom Angelina Collection gown and a custom suit by Joey Satel.

PACKAGE #3 **LONGHORN COUNTRY**

You will be the proud owner of your own baby longhorn delivered to your favorite country spot. This magnificent Texas emblem is donated by Azar Minerals. After the longhorn is safe in his/her new home, you and twenty guests will be the recipients of a tailgate party from Rosemary Catering donated by the RK Group complemented by a case of wine. And if there is a chill in the air, enjoy the warmth of a beautiful hand-knitted throw from Norsa.

PACKAGE #2

SHOP SAN ANTONIO

Do you love to shop? Here is the perfect gift for you. Just the incentive you need to hit the stores guilt free! Enjoy gift certificates in the following denominations to our own fabulous San Antonio boutiques and department stores.

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- \$100 Pagoda
- \$100 Penny Lane
- \$100 Skin Rejuvenation Clinique
- \$50 Adelante Boutique

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PACKAGE #4

A PARTY ON THE PATIO

Entertain all of your friends with a \$1000 credit (includes alcohol) donated by Paloma Blanca Mexican Cuisine to host the party of the year. You can host the fiesta in a private dining room, or, have Paloma Blanca cater in your home. Either way, it is sure to be a wonderful night your friends will not soon forget.

PACKAGE #5

THE GOOD DOCTOR

Enjoy piece of mind with a one-year membership to the Personal Physician concierge medical practice of Dr. Scott Campbell. Membership includes a waiver of the \$4500 fee, unlimited access to Dr. Campbell and his staff, personal phone numbers, after-hours and weekend care, as well as minor emergency care for the entire family (up to 2 children and 2 adults).

PACKAGE #7

SAN ANTONIO DATE NIGHT

Enjoy an after-work cocktail party for 20 friends, compliments of Acenar on the San Antonio River Walk. From 6-8 P.M., you and your crew will enjoy margaritas, sangria and other libations, as well as wonderful appetizers by chefs Bruce Auden and Lisa Wong. After drinks, you and your date will renew and rejuvenate with a night at the Westin Riverwalk San Antonio. On another evening, you and your date will head to Biga on the Banks for a 4-course chef's tasting by Bruce Auden. After dinner, the two of you will enjoy a night of theatre at the Majestic, compliments of Las Casas, and a night at San Antonio's Contessa Hotel with breakfast served at Las Ramblas restaurant. And finally, you and another couple will kick back with four tickets to "Cabana at 17" hospitality suite and two parking passes on Thursday, October 9, 2008, during the Valero Texas Open.

PACKAGE #8

THE NEIMAN MARCUS VIP GIRLS NIGHT OUT

The fashionista who wins this prize will win a VIP shopping experience for her and 39 of her most fashionable friends at Neiman Marcus La Cantera. She and her guest will have a private lounge where they will sip martinis, and enjoy fabulous appetizers from NM's award winning Mariposa restaurant. Guests will also enjoy personalized cosmetic make-overs, beauty and fashion tips, and sales associates tending to their every need. Finally, a private fashion presentation, complete with models and music, will ensure everyone is ready and excited for the fall season. All the winner has to do is come up with the guest list and Neiman Marcus will take care of the rest. You and your group's special night out should be planned to take place in September 2008, and it will be an event to remember.

PACKAGE #6

TIME WITH THE FAMILY

Your family and friends will have a wonderful private river cruise for up to 20 people over lunch or dinner sponsored by Casa Rio Restaurant and Rio San Antonio Cruises. In addition, your family will be receiving a family photo, care of Marks Moore Photography. After cleaning up for the pictures, take the family on a fun-filled weekend on Texas' newest adventure, Camp Lonehollow. Located in Utopia, your family will be able to participate in everything from rock wall climbing to mountain boarding, as well as the more traditional swimming, hiking, canoeing and more; all in the comfort of new air-conditioned cabins. In addition, your family will enjoy a family membership to San Antonio's wonderful Witte Museum and a family pass to the San Antonio Zoo. After plenty of quality time as a family, you and your honey can enjoy adult dinners, compliments of Silo and Paesanos.

PACKAGE #9

BEYOND THE SEA

You and your guest will enjoy a long August weekend in Key Allegro at the charming pink house with the shell-roof on the Bay. With a beach front, fishing pier and four spacious bedrooms you are sure to relax and enjoy your time at the coast this summer. The hostess be the envy of all her female guests with an exquisite Barfield and Baird pink stingray clutch purse. To remember your weekend, you will receive a beautiful coral painting by Waddy Armstrong, five wonderful beach motif items from Five Broads off Broadway, and a fabulous Murano vase from Hanley Wood. All of these items are sure to enhance any home.

Tickets are \$50 for Packages 1-9 and \$100 for the Safari Package and can be purchased with tickets in your invitations or on-line at www.swf.org.

For more information on the raffle, please email Courtney Duphorne at courtney.duphorne@rbcdain.com or Tracy Williams at tracywilliams@swbell.net.

Researchers learning how genes influence diabetes risk

Scientists at Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research expect to make big leaps in their understanding of genetic influences on diabetes, thanks to a new \$1.7 million grant awarded to Dr. Joanne Curran, the grant's principal investigator.



The grant from the National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases will allow Dr. Curran and her colleagues to conduct a more detailed investigation on 100 genes that previous SFBR studies have shown to play a role in various risk factors for diabetes and other metabolic diseases. She will now look closely at DNA variations within the genes themselves to see how those changes affect the genes' output, and ultimately, how these genes exert their influence on such things as blood glucose and insulin levels and body fat.

Dr. Curran explained that she and her colleagues are looking for functional changes within the DNA sequence of these particular genes that are causing certain individuals to have these risk factors for diabetes.

“Our previous work has uncovered genes that are influencing fasting glucose levels, body mass index, and other health traits related to diabetes risk,” she said. “So now we want to find out how these genes vary among individuals and which DNA variations within the genes themselves impact their function and their resulting influence on human health. Then maybe we can find a way to target a particular gene and manipulate its function so that it doesn't result in high blood glucose levels, for example.”

The need for new methods of preventing and treating diabetes is critical, as rates of type 2 diabetes, often called adult-onset diabetes, continue to climb in the United States and other first-world countries, particularly as obesity rates have reached epidemic levels. It disproportionately affects the growing Hispanic population, where the prevalence of type 2 diabetes is two to three times higher than in non-Hispanic whites. Obesity often precedes the onset of type 2 diabetes, which can make people more susceptible to a host of other health problems, including cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, and blindness. Type 2 diabetes accounts for more than 90 percent of diabetes worldwide, with scientists estimating that there will be 220 million cases worldwide by 2010.

“Right now, the best prevention we have for diabetes is lifestyle change,” said Dr. Curran. “But what if you have a genetic predisposition that's causing your high levels of blood glucose? Then lifestyle changes alone may not help you. That's why we need to find the genes involved and the DNA variations that affect those genes' function. That will give pharmaceutical companies the information they need to develop new medications to fight this growing health problem.”

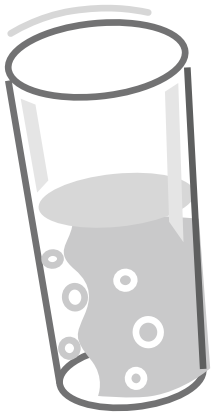
Research helps explain why our sense of thirst declines with age

When it comes to staying properly hydrated, thirst may not be your best guide, especially if you're getting older.

That's because it is a well documented phenomenon that people's sense of thirst declines with age, which scientists say is a key reason for increased incidence of dehydration among the elderly. That, in turn, makes older adults more susceptible to other health complications, such as heat stress.

While this phenomenon has been well documented, its cause has not. Now, research findings by a team of scientists that includes Dr. Robert Shade of SFBR is shedding some light on the subject. In fact, in a recent issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, the group revealed evidence showing that older adults get just as thirsty as younger adults, but their thirst is more easily satiated.

"We found that older adults get thirsty just as younger adults do, and when they get thirsty, they will drink, but [unlike younger adults] they don't drink enough to restore the water that they need to become 'normally hydrated,'" said Dr. Shade. "That's probably due to the fact that, as our study shows, the signal in a particular area of the brain that tells them to drink gets 'turned off' with lower amounts of water."



Dr. Shade said the study has revealed the area of the brain in which satiation of thirst is happening – the anterior mid-singular cortex – and that smaller volumes of water are needed to deactivate the brain signal for thirst in older adults compared to younger adults. What researchers don't yet know is the reason why, but they speculate that there are two possibilities: Either different information is being sent to the brain, creating weaker thirst signals that are more easily turned off, or the anterior mid-singular cortex of the brain is more sensitive in older adults than it is in younger adults.

Dr. Shade said either hypothesis is just speculation until they can follow up this human study with more detailed investigations in mice that provided necessary insight on the physiological mechanisms at play.

"Once we have those details, it might be possible to devise a therapy or a drug to reverse the effect [and restore a proper sense of thirst in the elderly]," he said. "And the good thing is, now we know where to look to find those details."

Dr. Shade said the other good news is that people do not have to wait until the next phase of the study is completed to take action.

"Already, our study supports the notion that older people need to be aware that they should drink adequate amounts of water on a regular basis and not rely on their thirst to tell them to consume fluids," he said.



2008 Honorary Gala Chairs – What a difference three women can make!



This year's Honorary Gala Chairs are Susan Kerr, Nancy Moorman and Christi Moorman – three extraordinary women who have brought so much to our mission at SWFF. In our newsletters through the end of the year, we will honor each one of them for the extraordinary gifts they have shared over the years. This quarter we highlight the contributions weaved across throughout these families – the Moorman's, the Kerr's, and specifically, Susan Kerr. It's not an exaggeration to say that we wouldn't be members of the SWFF, or supporting the SFBR without Susan Kerr's family! As her family started many great things based on their passions and beliefs, Susan too, continues to carry that legacy and find new and creative ways to touch the lives of others through her contributions and beliefs in volunteerism.

It all began as an extraordinary vision of Susan's uncle, Thomas Baker Slick, Jr., who founded the Southwest Foundation for Bio-medical Research, at the young age of 25.

To support the SFBR, Susan's mother, Betty Slick Moorman, founded the Argyle. The Argyle, dating back to 1859 has a life and history of its own, and when Betty saw it, while it was in need of a bit of tender loving care to bring it back to its prime, she knew its potential. It was her idea to create a gathering place, or a private social club, that could serve as an alternative to existing country clubs, and its membership would be a source of support for the SFBR. Betty, enlisted many of her friends to provide spare furniture from attics, relics from their pasts and anything that would help bring it back to its glory. Today, you'll still see many of those original pieces with plaques that feature where they came from, including a stitchery that was made by Susan's aunt! Susan shared fond memories of growing up in and around the Argyle . . . including slumber parties where the girls had a ball running through the halls and raiding the pantry! If only we could still do that today!

Susan, born and raised in San Antonio, decided to venture up north for her college education, where she attended Briarcliffe College in New York for 2 years, and then graduated from the University of Texas. Susan worked as a paralegal in Houston for several years, and in her spare time, enjoyed traveling, wild animal photography and volunteering with the elderly.

It was just following these adventures, that at age 28, Susan married John C. Kerr, whom we also know as the standing President of the SFBR. Susan and John have two wonderful children, both creating exciting futures for themselves. Their son, Jeff is 28 and currently studying law at Emory University; while their daughter, Millie, 26, has followed a similar path, with a more distant location – Millie is practicing law in London.



It was through exploring her passions for animals (her Uncle Tom gave her one of her first pets – a monkey!) and working with the elderly, that Susan came across an organization that is very near to her heart – the Delta Society, an organization that serves a very special purpose in connecting animals with people in many different settings. Susan has worked closely with her family

pets over the years, including extensive training, to serve as an Animal Ambassador. Susan brings these furry friends to visit people in nursing homes, assisted living homes, area hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals and shelters. By doing this, they help to brighten the days and improve the health of countless children, adults and the aged or disabled through animal-assisted activities and therapy. Sitting in Susan's living room on a recent visit, the latest addition to the Kerr family joined us – Spencer, a darling puppy, was getting ready to meet with his trainer in preparation for joining Susan in future healing opportunities.

In addition to her involvement with the Delta Society, Susan has committed herself to serving on numerous boards over the years, including The San Antonio Zoo, Hospice of San Antonio, Saint Mary's Hall, The Board of Deacons for First Presbyterian Church; and of course, The Argyle! She currently sits on the board for Morningside Ministries.

Spring Lecture Luncheon - What Was Trash Is Now Treasure!

The Argyle was filled with informative science, delicious food, beautiful orchids, and some great prizes at the Forum Spring Lecture Luncheon and Annual Science Awards presentation. Scientist Morey Kraus, founder of Viacell (parent company of Viacord, a premier cord blood storage and cellular research company), spoke about the current and future benefits of using umbilical cord blood stem cells to treat and cure over 40



diseases. He encouraged the saving and storage of umbilical cord blood, whether you keep your own or donate it to your local cord blood bank.



Over 180 guests learned about why stem cells are so important and how cord blood stem cells from a close family member tend to be a better match for a transplant than other types of stem cells, like from bone marrow. Cord blood stem cells are non-controversial (vs. embryonic stem cells) and could potentially provide a virtual “fountain of youth” with more research.

Three lucky guests won a Herff Christiansen shirt, a Hazel Smyth necklace and a gift certificate to St. John’s clothing at their store in the Collection. Thanks to the many generous table purchasers, this luncheon was sold out within two weeks, although everyone on the waiting list was eventually accommodated. Please book a table early for the Fall luncheon to guarantee a seat!



Special Thanks to the L.D. Ormsby Foundation, who once again provided each applicant a stipend for submitting an application. All of the applications were extremely innovative and interesting programs. These schools and their students are fortunate to have such wonderful, caring teachers. We are so happy to be able to assist with their efforts.

It's time to renew your Southwest Foundation Forum membership!

Over the last 38 years, Southwest Foundation Forum members have supported the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research through community relations, fundraising and volunteer service. Each year, the Forum sponsors a variety of events for its membership and the community. These include student tours of the Foundation, a science education awards competition for outstanding high school science programs, a complimentary evening tour of the Foundation for members and their guest, fall and spring lecture luncheons held at the Argyle, and, of course, our annual gala! Last year's gala raised \$267,500 for scientific research. This valuable seed money leads to substantial federal funding of further research.

We hope you will renew your commitment to the SFBR and the Southwest Foundation Forum by renewing your membership. You can renew online at www.swff.org. This year, we have also added a third membership category – \$100 for a benefactor membership – in addition to the \$35 standard and \$50 patron membership levels. Your willingness to join us in support of the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research makes a difference in the fight against so many diseases, and truly makes a difference in the lives of so many people.

SFBR Student Tours

Tours of the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research are an amazing opportunity for local high school students to witness, first-hand, the phenomenal work being done by the Foundation and its scientists. What better way to inspire young minds than to introduce to them real situations with life-changing impacts?

Nine local high schools are participating in these tours, mostly comprised of junior and senior ap science and biology students. The groups are given the opportunity to see the many animal enclosures (baboon families, Macaques and Chimpanzees) and learn more about the Foundation's work with non-human primates. Additionally, the groups are allowed to tour the SBC Genomics Computing Center and see the 1500 computer processors churning out statistical genetic analysis. Each tour concludes with a scientist-led discussion of on-going research projects. What a great experience for these students!

Please contact the Southwest Foundation Forum to learn more about student tours. Please also encourage your children's high schools to participate in this fantastic experience.

Science Education Awards

This year's Science Education Awards were presented at our Spring Lecture luncheon on March



26th at the Argyle. The panel of judges consisting of three Scientists from the Southwest Founda-



tion for Biomedical Research, Dr. Harold Goring, Dr. Andrew Hayhurst, and Dr. Elizabeth (Helen) Schwelger, along with Valerie Guenther, trustee for the V.H. McNutt Memorial Foundation and Dottie Cooper and Julie Zacher (forum members), met and reviewed the applications which had been submitted from various San Antonio area schools.

First Place: Medina Valley High School	7,000.00
<i>Aeroscience Studies</i>	
Teacher: Tanner Lange	
Second Place: Harlandale High School	4,500.00
<i>Using Biochemistry to Establish and Improve AP Biology</i>	
Teacher: Mario Gamboa	
Third Place: Samuel Clemens High School	3,500.00
<i>Aquaponics: Can Aquaculture and hydroponics co-exist in a closed system?</i>	
Teacher: Ronnie Kirchhof	
Fourth Place: East Central High School	2,500.00
<i>Environmental Science (Pond Ecosystem)</i>	
Teacher: Heidi Zertuche	
Fifth Place: S.A. Christian High School	1,500.00
<i>C.S.I. Lab Materials</i>	
Teacher: Deborah Baker	
Honorable Mention:	
George W. Brackenridge High School	1,000.00
<i>A Study of the Structure and Function of Biomolecules</i>	
Teacher: Jennifer Bessonette	



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