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Three SDJA Students Achieve Outstanding Results At World's Largest Pre-College Science Fair

Seven students represented San Diego at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, three of which were from San Diego Jewish Academy (SDJA). All of the SDJA students who attended the Intel competition, which is one of the world's largest and prestigious science competitions, placed in the top 25%.

San Diego, CA – June 6, 2011 – Three San Diego Jewish Academy (SDJA) high school students placed in the top .00005% or 325 out of seven million students vying for science competitions throughout the world at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair held on May 8-13 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

“We are so proud of Ali Tradonsky, Tammy Rubin and Matt Goldklang who were three of just seven students from the San Diego delegation who placed in the top 25% at Intel,” said Maimonides Upper School Principal Dr. Jeffery Davis. “Ali and Tammy placed fourth in the medicine category for “A Search for Reliable Molecular Cytogenetic Markers for Prostate Cancer Prognosis” and Matt placed fourth in the environmental sciences category for “Red Tide Sensitivity to Ocean Acidification.” Matt also received a prestigious award from the American Geological Institute.”

Intel is the premier global science competition for high school students and invites more than 1,500 students to participate from 50 states and 60 countries. “Intel is the pinnacle of high school science fairs and has extremely rigorous selection criteria. To even be awarded an invitation to compete is amazing, but to place is even more uncommon,” said Dr. Jane Willoughby, a judge at Intel Science Fair and director of the High School Science and Technology Research Program at SDJA.

In addition to the stellar Intel results, SDJA’s entries to the 60th Annual California State Science Fair, held May 2-3 at the California Science Center in Los Angeles, also yielded impressive results. Ali Tradonsky and Tammy Rubin’s project took home first place honors in the molecular biochemistry category while Matthew Goldklang received honorable mention in the environmental sciences category.

About SDJA:

San Diego Jewish Academy provides infants to high school seniors a unique environment that challenges students to achieve their full academic potential and become individuals of strong character, while inspiring them to make Judaism a vital and relevant aspect of their lives.

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Photo Caption: Matthew Goldklang presents his project “Red Tide Sensitivity to Ocean Acidification” at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.