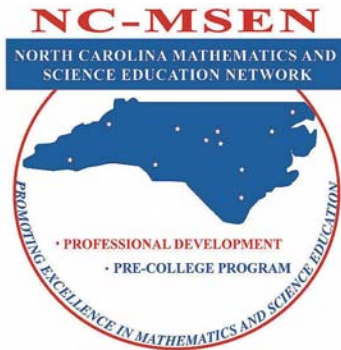


North Carolina Mathematics and Science Education Network (NC-MSEN)



For more information, please contact:
Mrs. Rita L. Fuller
Associate Director, Pre-College Program
(919) 966-3202
rfuller@northcarolina.edu

MSEN Day 2007

On a recent Saturday morning, April 21st, over seven hundred (700) highly motivated 6th to 12th grade North Carolina students crowded into McKnight Auditorium, located on the beautiful UNC Charlotte campus. This event carries on a 20+ year tradition of exciting mathematics and science competitions. The students are from populations that are traditionally underserved in mathematics and science. This year's theme was "Making Connections in Math and Science Education through Discovery in the Natural World."

The participants were from the Pre-College Program (PCP) of the North Carolina Mathematics and Science Education Network (NC-MSEN). Pre-College Program sites include Elizabeth City State University (ECSU), East Carolina University (ECU), Fayetteville State University (FSU), NC A&T State University (NC A&T SU), NC State University (NCSU), UNC Chapel Hill (UNCCH), UNC Charlotte (UNCC), Western Carolina University (WCU), and Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). Because this is a highly competitive activity among the PCP sites, students have been engaged in intense preparation for the past three months at their respective host university.

MSEN Day categories include Middle School Mathematics; High School Mathematics such as Algebra, Geometry, and Calculus; Middle School Science; High School Science such as Biology, Chemistry, and Physics; Quiz Bowl; Oratorical Competition; Write It, Do It; Bottle Rockets; Parachute Egg Drop; Engineering and Design; Picture This; Poster Art; and Mystery Architecture. Robotics will be added in 2008. Students compete as members of a team, and are awarded points both individually and by team.

Opening ceremonies began with greetings from Mrs. Chastity Harper, the UNCC NC-MSEN PCP Coordinator, and Dr. Joan F. Lorden, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for UNC Charlotte. The afternoon's guest speaker was Mr. Warren P. Edwards, an Aerospace Education Specialist from the NASA Langley Research Center, who was followed by the Awards Ceremony.

The Oratorical Competition winners kicked off the afternoon awards program by presenting their winning speeches to the more than 700 enthusiastic fans in attendance. The middle school winner was Ms. Kiana Rivers from ECSU, and the high school winner was Mr. Dalan Moring, also from ECSU. Hundreds of medals, including gold, silver, and bronze, were distributed to winning teams.

The overall 1st Place trophy went to the host site, UNC Charlotte, 2nd Place to FSU, and 3rd Place to UNC Chapel Hill. Please visit our Web site (link shown below) and click on Pre-College Program News for a complete list of winners.

The last event of the day is always the Passing of the Torch, this time to NC A&T SU, who will host this event in 2008.

The North Carolina Mathematics and Science Education Network (NC-MSEN) is a constituent program in the UNC Center for School Leadership Development. It has two primary components: teacher professional development and a pre-college program. The purpose of the Pre-College Program is to broaden the pool of high school graduates who are prepared to pursue college/university majors that lead to careers in mathematics, science, technology, engineering, and teaching. Please visit <http://www.unc.edu/depts/msen> for more information.