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I invite you to join in helping today's youth meet tomorrow's challenge.

About 750 of the best and brightest science students in the United States and seven foreign countries are gathering this week in Nashville, Tennessee, for the 43rd annual International Science and Engineering Fair.

This pool of remarkable young talent will compete for prizes based on science projects that won awards at 400 affiliated science fairs.

Over 800 judges who are professionals in the fields of science, mathematics and engineering will analyze the projects and interview each student before choosing Grand Awards winners in 13 scientific categories.

The areas covered by the students' research are Behavioral and Social Sciences, Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth and Space Sciences, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, Medicine and Health, Microbiology, Physics and Zoology.

This week's fair is the crowning event in a year-long process involving thousands of schools and more than 150,000 students not only from the United States, but also from Canada, Germany, Ireland, Japan, the Republic of China, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

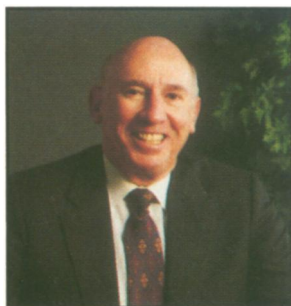
Five major U.S. corporations provide leadership in supporting science education by sponsoring some of the Grand Awards categories. The corporations and the categories for Grand Awards they support are:

- **Intel Foundation** — Engineering
- **McDonnell Douglas** — Computer Science
- **Northern Telecom** — Mathematics
- **Phillips Petroleum Company** — Environmental Sciences

In addition, Fluor Daniel, Inc., will co-sponsor the Physics category with Science Service. Science Service, Inc., publisher of *Science News*, is proud to have administered the program since its beginning 43 years ago.

The Grand Awards are recognized as among the world's most prestigious academic honors. In this new age of global competitiveness, these companies are helping to motivate our students and to encourage them to pursue careers in science, engineering and mathematics. The corporate support of the Grand Awards program is the kind of encouragement students need to lead them into teaching and research professions.

I call on other corporations to join in supporting the effort to broaden science, mathematics and engineering education. For a minimum investment, companies can get maximum payoff — solutions to the massive problems society faces which can only come from advanced technologies developed through science and engineering.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alfred S. McLaren'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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