



*Inspiring students
to pursue careers in
science, math,
engineering, and
technology.*

Educational Outreach Programs

Since 2000, STEP has initiated a number of events and activities to increase student motivation, interest, and enthusiasm in science and technology. In addition to its annual conference, STEP is also involved in many worthwhile activities that take place throughout the year:

✓ **After School Science Clubs**

STEP donated \$6,900 to the Future Scientists and Engineers of America (FSEA) as seed money to start After School Science Clubs in local schools.

✓ **In STEP Newsletter**

STEP publishes a newsletter for teachers, administrators, sponsors, and community leaders to provide updates on STEP activities, promote upcoming events, profile regional technology companies, and more.

✓ **Poster and Essay Contests**

STEP sponsors annual poster and essay contests for students to engage their imagination and writing capabilities. STEP awards first, second, and third place cash award for: elementary, middle, and high school.

✓ **Science Fair Savings Bonds**

Each year STEP awards a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond to a senior division student, a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond to a junior division student, and a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond to an elementary division student at the Inland Science and Engineering Fair for outstanding demonstration of scientific investigation. These awards are the largest of their kind in the largest regional science fair competition in California.

✓ **Science Fair Car Giveaway Program**

In 2003, STEP announced a Car Giveaway Program at the State Science Fair Competition. Due to the generosity of Singh Chevrolet in Riverside, STEP was able to award a senior high school student, who was admitted to college, with a brand new Chevrolet for winning First Place at the State Science Fair in Los Angeles. This Car Giveaway value of \$16,000 accounted for more than 25% of the State's Science Fair awards. Danielle Robinson, who attended Norco High School, was the lucky winner!

✓ **Science Olympiad**

As a partner with the Science Olympiad, STEP provides junior and senior high school students with an opportunity to learn more about math and science through friendly competition. To assist our region's competitiveness at the national level, STEP awards stipends for teachers to attend the Science Olympiad Summer Training Camp. STEP also played host to the 2004 Science Olympiad competition.