

The 51<sup>st</sup> Science & Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit (SEFMD) was held today, March 12, 2008 at Cobo Center. More than 1,400 students from schools in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties competed at SEFMD, one of the longest running and largest science fairs in the world. The Senior Grand Award winners will compete at the Michigan Science Fair on April 5 at Kettering University, Flint, Michigan and at the International Science Fair May 11-17 in Atlanta, Georgia. (revised 3/14/08)

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## 2008 Senior Division ISEF Finalists

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### Harrison Nguyen

Project: Combating Muscle Atrophy: A Novel Study of Myofibril Turnover in *S. macrurus*  
Category: Biochemistry  
Grade: 12  
School: Detroit Catholic Central High  
Teacher: Alan Barker

### Kevin Shih

Project: IgG Antibody-Attached TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanotubes for Targeted Drug Delivery  
Category: Medicine  
Grade: 11  
School: International Academy  
Teacher: David Lyons

### Shravani Mikkilineni

Project: Continued Fractions and Orbits of a Linear Fractional Transformation  
Category: Mathematics  
Grade: 12  
School: Detroit Country Day Upper  
Teacher: Gene Menton

### Helen Yang

Project: Using Arugula to Manage the Northern Root-knot Nematode in Variable Soil Types  
Category: Environmental Science  
Grade: 12  
School: Troy High School  
Teacher: Rebecca Johns

### Rahul K. Pandey

Project: A 3-D Lens with Alternative Unit Cell Design for Negative Refractive Index  
Category: Physics  
Grade: 11  
School: Stoney Creek High School  
Teacher: David Thomson

**Crystal Zhang**

Project: Bacterial Polymerase Drives RNA Synthesis by Reading Smooth DNA Template Tract  
Category: Microbiology  
Grade: 11  
School: Troy Athens High School  
Teacher: Rachel Peterson

**Kuan Ting Chen**

Project: Evaluation on Laser Display Projector  
Category: Engineering  
Grade: 11  
School: Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School  
Teacher: John Joseph Winter

**Kyle A. Kandilian**

Project: The Best Bug Barrier  
Category: Zoology  
Grade: 10  
School: Divine Child High School  
Teacher: Marcia Reetz

**Justin D. Vail, Michael Newton**

Project: Putting Perfection  
Category: Team Project  
Grade: 12  
School: Macomb Math Science Tech Center  
Teacher: Mark Supal

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**2008 Junior Division Grand Awards**

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**Denzel Hobdy**

Project: The Effect of Fabric Type on Ignition Time and Burn Rate  
Category: Chemistry  
Grade: 7  
School: Dixon Middle School  
Teacher: Candice Weaver

**Ariel Jordan**

Project: Hydrogen Peroxide Effect on Plant Cuttings and Seed Germination  
Category: Botany  
Grade: 7  
School: Faith Christian Academy  
Teacher: Julie Marchlewicz

**Lateisha Knott**

Project: Ice Ice Baby  
Category: Earth and Space  
Grade: 8  
School: Halley Magnet Middle School  
Teacher: Krystal Bolar

**Jane E. Modes**

Project: Toothbrush-ology  
Category: Medicine and Health  
Grade: 7  
School: St. Michael Elementary - Livonia  
Teacher: Kate Harding

**Thamar T. Neal**

Project: Voltage Flow in Fruits  
Category: Physics  
Grade: 8  
School: William Howard Taft Middle School  
Teacher: Rosemary Amene

**Destiny D. Norwood**

Project: How is Daphnia's Heart Rate Affected by Various Pain Relievers?  
Category: Microbiology  
Grade: 8  
School: Brenda M Scott Middle School  
Teacher: Denise Hafner

**Sergio Troiani**

Project: Which Type of Insulation Works Best?  
Category: Engineering  
Grade: 8  
School: Our Lady of Good Counsel Elementary  
Teacher: Mary Beth Nicholas

**Bryan Zazaian, Donovan Moore, Matthew Eleweke**

Project: Roller Coaster Thrills  
Category: Team Project  
Grade: 8  
School: University of Detroit Jesuit  
Teacher: Wesley Hardin

**Catherine Buchanan**

Project: Separation of Linked Genes in Fruit Flies  
Category: Zoology  
Grade: 8  
School: St. Anne Elementary  
Teacher: Linda Foeller