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### Colorado MESA Congratulates MESA DAY & High School Jamboree Award Winners

*Student competitions highlight teamwork and young individuals who thrive as part of the MESA program.*

DENVER, CO; May 11, 2010 – Over 1,000 students from elementary to high school competed in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) competitions last month run by Colorado MESA. All of these students spent months researching and designing projects that teach, through hands-on experience, why math, science, and good communication skills are relevant and essential to their success. One hundred percent of MESA seniors graduate high school, ninety percent go to college, and eighty percent of those students choose a STEM major. Everyone, including businesses, benefit from Colorado MESA.

Students compete in teams and two students from Coal Ridge Middle School, Colorado State Finalist for MESA USA National Engineering Design Competition, exemplify how MESA students learn leadership skills in addition to academic skills.



*Josie Lamp, Chris Erwin and Advisor Cheri Giammo at MESA Day. Coal Ridge Middle School, Firestone, CO*

Eighth Grader **Josie Lamp** is an honors student with a 4.0 GPA and involved in the yearbook staff, morning announcement team, and school talent show. Lamp also represents the school as a WEB leader – a program where 8<sup>th</sup> graders work with incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders on issues like bullying, middle school expectations and coping with stress, study habits, rumors, positive attitudes, and time management.

Eighth Grader **Chris Erwin** is also an honor student with a 4.0 GPA and recently won a logo design competition for the Digital Globe satellite launched in the Fall of 2009. Erwin is a gifted artist and is consistently featured in the school district's art show. Erwin placed first in the Geography Bee district competition and went on to compete at the state level. Erwin participates in cross country and track, and volunteers at the local Humane Society, taking photos to post on their website for the small animal department.



On April 20, 2010 the MESA High School & Engineering Jamboree held at Colorado School of Mines included over 350 high school students from 30 schools.

High School Jamboree Winners 2010	
High School	
<b>Wind Energy</b>	
1st Place	Pueblo
2nd Place	Wasson
3rd Place	Rangeview
<b>Prosthetic Arm</b>	
1st Place	Fort Lupton
2nd Place	Wasson
3rd Place	Ranum
<b>Popsicle Stick Bridges</b>	
1st Place	Wasson #1
2nd Place	Wasson #2
3rd Place	Fort Lupton
<b>Paper Towers</b>	
1st Place	Palmer High School
2nd Place	Wasson
3rd Place	John F. Kennedy
<b>Science Ethics Debate</b>	
1st Place	Legacy
2nd Place	Golden
3rd Place	Centaurus
<b>Math Quest</b>	
1st Place	Northglenn 1
2nd Place	Pueblo East
3rd Place	Fort Collins
<b>Bio Bowl</b>	
1st Place	Longmont
2nd Place	Fort Collins
3rd Place	Wasson

On April 16, 2010 the MESA Day competition held at the University of Colorado – Denver included 700 middle school students from 30 schools.

MESA Day Winners 2010		
	Elementary School	Middle School
<b>Electronic School Spirit</b>		
1st Place	Steller Elementary	Henry World School
2nd Place	Skyview Elementary	Heaton Middle School
3rd Place	North Star Elementary	Fountain Middle School
<b>Triplicity</b>		
1st Place	Skyview Elementary - Team 4	Heaton Middle School - Team Boom
2nd Place	Skyview Elementary - Team 1	Heaton Middle School - Team GCR
3rd Place	Skyview Elementary - Team 3	Heaton Middle School - Team Hawks
<b>Impromptu - Cotton Ball Catapult</b>		
1st Place	Skyview Elementary	Altona Middle School
2nd Place	Northstar Elementary	Overland Trail Middle School
3rd Place	Northstar Elementary	South Valley Middle
3rd Place	Steller Elementary School	

<b>MESA Day Winners 2010 (continued)</b>		
	<b>Elementary School</b>	<b>Middle School</b>
<b>Air Powered Vehicle</b>		
1st Place	Northstar Elementary - Team Moonlight	Silver Hills Middle School - Team The Blue Sail
2nd Place	Steller Elementary	Hill Middle School - Team The Dangerettes
3rd Place	Skyview - Team 2	
	Northstar Elementary - Team R&B	Longs Peak Middle School - Team LPMS
<b>(Middle School Only Awards)</b>		
<b>Ride the Wind</b>		
1st Place		
2nd Place		Longs Peak Middle School
3rd Place		
<b>Roller Coaster Run</b>		
1st Place		Mt. Garfield Middle School - Team Wild Colorado
2nd Place		Trinidad Middle School - Team Gold Fish
3rd Place		Altona Middle School - Team The Fish Bowl
<b>Wind Energy Competition</b>		
1st Place		Coal Ridge Middle School
2nd Place		Heaton Middle School
3rd Place		Trail Ridge Middle School
<b>Brain Teaser</b>		
1st Place		Longs Peak Middle School
2nd Place		Shadow Ridge Middle School
3rd Place		Henry World School
<b>Trebuchet</b>		
1st Place		Lucille Erwin Middle School
2nd Place		Heaton Middle School
3rd Place		Fountain Middle School

**About Colorado MESA**

Colorado Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) is a thirty-year-old organization which enables and increases the number of historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students throughout Colorado to graduate from college and successfully pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Colorado MESA is an after-school math and science mentoring program with over 3,600 participating students from 160 schools throughout the state. As part of a national network of MESA organizations, Colorado MESA is hosting the MESA USA National Engineering Design Competition for the second consecutive year, June 25-27, 2010. More info at [www.cmesa.org](http://www.cmesa.org).