400 Students to Compete in Technology Contests
Student Technology Association holds regional conference Feb. 20 at California University

CALIFORNIA, PA (February 5, 2009) ... More than 400 middle school and high school students will put their science and technology skills to the test when the Technology Student Association holds its regional conference Feb. 20 on the campus of California University of Pennsylvania.

The students in grades 6-12 will compete in more than 30 events based on STEM — science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Guided by their chapter advisers, students from across western Pennsylvania have prepared all year to compete in events such as Architectural Model Building, Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD), Dragster Design, Graphic Design, Manufacturing Prototype, Medical Technology, Problem Solving, Promotional Graphics, Robotics, Structural Engineering and Transportation Modeling.

After a 9 a.m. opening program at the Natali Student Center's Performance Center, contests will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at sites including Coover and Helsel halls, the Keystone Education Center and the Eberly Science and Technology Center.

"I think this event has a significant impact on whether students consider science, technology, engineering and mathematics in their future educational and career plans," said Dr. Laura Hummell, assistant professor in Cal U's Department of Applied Engineering and Technology.

With its theme of “Shape the Future,” the TSA recognizes how young people will build the technological future of our nation. For more information about the 2009 Pennsylvania Technology Student Association regional and state conferences, visit www.cup.edu or www.patsa.org. Hummel can be reached at 724-938-4381, hummell@cup.edu.

Region 6 Participating Schools

Middle Schools--Jefferson Middle School, Mellon Middle School, South Fayette Middle School, Canonsburg Middle School, Founders Hall Middle School, South Park Middle School.

High Schools--Greensburg-Salem High School, South Fayette Township High School, Canon-Mcmillan High School, Connellsville Area Senior High School, Connellsville Junior High School, East McGuffey High School, McKeesport High School, Southmoreland High School.

Region 1 Participating Schools

Middle Schools--Ingomar Middle School, Marshall Middle School, Redbank Valley Junior High School, Avonworth Middle School, Blackhawk Middle School, Carson Middle School, Mars Area Middle School, Mohawk Area Jr/Sr High School.


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Members of the Pil-Richland Socks, High School's first band, are shown in a group picture taken during a performance at the University of Victoria. The band's popularity grew, and they were invited to perform at various events and venues across the city. Their music became a favorite among students and local residents, leading to several record deals and successful tours.