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## **Silicon Valley Tech Giants Team Up with Greene Scholars Program To Judge Science Fair In Search of Next Generation STEM Leaders and Entrepreneurs of African Ancestry**

**SILICON VALLEY, CA**—Kicking off Black History Month, several Silicon Valley high-technology companies will dispatch senior-level managers, engineers, HR personnel and public relations teams to judge the eleventh annual Dr. Frank S. Greene Scholars Program Science Fair in search of the next generation of African American STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)-focused scholars. Among the companies to send representatives to review and evaluate the projects are IBM Corporation, Oracle Corp., Applied Materials, Inc., Google Inc., and NASA-Ames Research Center, along with National Hispanic University and Stanford University. The fair will be held January 26, 2013 at Cypress Semiconductor headquarters—198 Champion Court, San Jose, California. The public is invited to view the projects from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Dr. Frank S. Greene Scholars Program Science Fair provides an opportunity for 3rd to 12th-grade students to apply the scientific method to conduct independent research for science and/or technology-based projects, and report findings. Greene Scholars Program (GSP) is designed to identify and encourage African American STEM college majors and graduates through exposure, experimentation and networking. This year the fair will showcase projects from more than 80 Bay Area students.

Debra Watkins, founder of the Greene Scholars Program and California Alliance of African American Educators (CAAAE) stated, "The CAAAE established the Dr. Frank S. Greene Scholars Program eleven years ago to increase the success rate of students of African ancestry who major in STEM course work, and to increase the number of students who choose careers in science, technology, engineering, and math fields. Nearly 28 percent of our Scholars graduate from college within four years with STEM-concentrated degrees. That is nearly three times the national average for African American students." Watkins concluded, "It is always thrilling to see dozens of our students enthusiastically engaged in presentations about their science fair projects and to realize that the spark generated there might lead to some future scientists!"

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**About the Greene Scholars Program Science Fair:**

Strict adherence to scientific methodology and experimental design is required for all projects. Each scholar is required to perform experiments and/or comparative product testing with variables; no demonstration or pure research projects are accepted. Scholars explore numerous periodicals, library books, journals, Internet sources and industry professionals in order to gain a clear and in-depth understanding of the chosen experiment and must provide bibliography references. Scholars are required to create a project abstract, research plan and tri-fold science fair board to effectively communicate their findings to a panel of judges who possess STEM and other professional backgrounds.

For additional information about the Greene Scholars Program and its science fair, please visit [www.greenscholars.org](http://www.greenscholars.org).

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