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### Center for Excellence in Education: Research Science Institute and USA Bio Olympiad

The Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) sponsors two student programs that nurture careers in science and technology, challenge students' intellectual curiosity and nurture their ability to synthesize knowledge and experience. The overarching goals of the CEE are to maintain U.S. international competitiveness in science and technology and promote international understanding among the world's future academic, research and engineering leaders.

#### Research Science Institute

The Research Science Institute (RSI) was launched in 1984 and is held each summer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the California Institute of Technology. Approximately 70 high school students gather for six weeks of a rigorous academic program that emphasizes advanced theory and research in mathematics, the sciences and engineering. More information is at



[www.cee.org/rsi/index.shtml](http://www.cee.org/rsi/index.shtml).

**USA Biology Olympiad**

In 2002, CEE launched the USA Biology Olympiad (USABO), the premier competition in biology in the United States. While the U.S. has for many years participated in academic olympiads in mathematics, physics, chemistry and computer science, the 2003 International Biology Olympiad (IBO) was the first at which the U.S. has fielded a national team at this level of competition and the 2004 U.S. Team brought home four gold medals from the IBO. More information is at [www.cee.org/usabo/index.shtml](http://www.cee.org/usabo/index.shtml).



As with all competitive CEE programs, RSI and the USABO are free of cost to all participating scholars.

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