

Celebrating 35 Years of

Excellence

Center for Excellence in Education

2017-2018 Alumni Campaign

The Center for Excellence in Education wishes all RSI and USABO Alumni a holiday filled with joy and peace. Thank you for your continued support of our 2017 – 2018 Alumni Campaign.

As we look back upon the past year, we would like to acknowledge those who have helped us ensure the longevity of our RSI and USABO through the CEE endowment. 260 alumni have made 286 gifts in support of our 2017 – 2018 Alumni Campaign, totaling more than \$227,000.

Donor Profile

The Center has many remarkable donors to feature in its weekly Campaign Update. Throughout the 2017-2018 Alumni Campaign, hundreds of alumni have selflessly made gifts and shown themselves to be outstanding examples of generosity and altruism.

One shining example is a 2017 alumnus who reached out to let CEE know that rather than spending personal funds (and those offered by parents) traveling to the holiday party at Ms. D's home, they would instead make a generous gift to the Center. Their donation now ranks in the top 10% of Campaign gifts received to date.

While choosing to remain anonymous, this most generous young alum said, "I think I would have really enjoyed coming to the holiday party... I thought a lot about this, and chose to donate (my parents' offer of a travel allowance) along with some of my personal savings to CEE. I was pleased to find that my father's company would match this donation."

"I'm very thankful for everything RSI has done, and am beginning to witness how the strength of the community persists far beyond this past summer."

Thoughtful giving by CEE alumni will ensure that tomorrow's STEM scholars will have the same life-changing RSI and USABO experiences.

2017 in Review

It's been quite a year for us at CEE! As a nonprofit organization, CEE continues to offer high-impact STEM programs at no cost to students, teachers and parents. These links share the Excellence in our name, our programs and our history:

- Admiral H.G. Rickover, father of the nuclear Navy and civilian uses of nuclear power, and background on [the founding of CEE in 1983](#).
- The Center's [Annual Luncheon](#) on Capitol Hill, sponsored this year by Google.
- CEE's USA Biology Olympiad (USABO) [National Finals closing ceremony](#), field [labs](#), and [Team USA](#), who earned four gold medals at the International Biology Olympiad and is the reigning #1 high school biology team in the world.
- The Center's world-renown Research Science Institute (RSI), which this year hosted [80 top scholars](#) from 35 states and 15 countries.
- The Distinguished [Guest Lecture](#) series, including [Nobel Laureates](#), at CEE's [Research Science Institute \(RSI\)](#).
- The top five RSI Final Research Presentations in 2017 by rising high school seniors from [VA](#), [CO](#), [WA](#), [Spain](#) and [Singapore](#), and RSI's 2017 [award winners](#).
- Teacher Enrichment Program (TEP) 'Bite of Science' events for rural and urban middle and high-school STEM teachers featuring speakers from [industry](#) and [academia](#).
- TEP STEM Teacher [Roundtables](#) that connect industry, government, academic, and non-profit representatives with teachers to create awareness of STEM career fields and required job skills.
- Free [lesson plans](#), [presentations](#) and [classroom resources](#) for STEM teachers.
- Webinars for parents and educators of [high school](#) and [high ability](#) students.
- The [life-changing impact](#) of the Center's STEM student programs, whose [alumni](#) represent all 50 states and 55 [international countries](#).
- CEE's 2017 Fall/Winter [newsletter](#)

Alumni Events

- **Spring, 2018:** CEE Annual Congressional Luncheon, date TBD
- **October 12 – 14, 2018:** CEE 35th Anniversary Gala and Weekend Events in Cambridge, MA

Important Dates

- USABO Registration opened October 2, and closes January 16, 2018.
- RSI Registration opened November 8, and closes January 12, 2018.

Opinion

- Support Top Academic Talent by Joann DiGennaro can be found [here](#)
- Dropping the Ball on Geek Power by Joann DiGennaro can be found [here](#)

CEE News

- CEE wishes you Happiness and Peace this Holiday Season is located [here](#)
- The Fall/Winter edition of CEE's newsletter, Centerline, is located [here](#)
- Donor profile featuring Andrew Hennes, USABO '17 is located [here](#)
- Maria Telkes, Hungarian-American Chemist is located [here](#)
- Donor profile featuring Dan (RSI '98) and Josie (Weeks) Haspel (RSI '01) is located [here](#)
- CEE Director William T. Stuart profile is located [here](#)
- Health in High Ability Students webinar video is located [here](#)
- New CEE Video, "You Make Friends for Life" located [here](#)
- The University of California, San Diego (UCSD) will host CEE's USA Biology Olympiad (USABO) beginning 2018. Pam R. Taub, MD, FACC, (RSI '93), Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), helped secure the new home of USABO National Finals at UCSD. [More...](#)
- Flashback Friday Videos: [Where It Began...RSI 1984](#)
- Three RSI '16 alums were recently named 2017 Davidson Fellows and awarded scholarships, and a USABO alum is a Fulbright Scholar. [More...](#)
- 2017 Alumni & Program Event Highlights [\(Photos\)](#)
- CEE will kick off its 35th Anniversary weekend celebration in Cambridge, MA on October 12, 2018. [More...](#)
- Throwback Thursday [\(Photos\)](#)
- Campaign Kickoff FAQs [More...](#)