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CEE's e-Newsletter: Stay informed about the latest news and events.



Save The Date: STEM Lyceums Kickoff Event

CEE is hosting a virtual CEE's STEM Lyceums kickoff event on Thursday, February 24, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm EST. The event will take place via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Registration will open in November 2021. CEE's STEM Lyceums are monthly virtual club meetings that will engage high school students in discussion and exploration of STEM concepts and STEM career trajectories, provided at no cost to schools or students. An overview video is posted on [YouTube](#). CEE recently announced it will partner with Virginia Bio to establish and sponsor STEM Lyceums in Virginia's rural and urban high schools to provide information and hands-on activities that encourage STEM studies and careers in science and technology. CEE is also partnering with United Negro College Fund and the Urban League to assist with taking this project beyond Virginia to high schools throughout the U.S.



"The Square Root of STEM" Virtual Webinar Series

CEE's Teacher Enrichment Program (TEP) is hosting a new monthly virtual series of "The Square Root of STEM" webinars on the second Tuesday of each month from 5-6 p.m. ET. Webinars will explore a variety of topics that illustrate the interdisciplinary nature of STEM and real-world applications of STEM skills. Webinar topics include disease sniffing dogs, space engineering, the science of sports, agriculture, and technology, and more. Educators, guidance counselors, students, and the public are invited to join in an exploration of how STEM topics and skills intersect with our lives. A recording of the first webinar, "Super Snouts: The Olfactory Excellence of Man's Best Friend" is posted on [CEE's YouTube channel](#). Register for the November edition, "Changing the Game: The Technological Revolution of Sports" November 9, 2021, [here](#). Register for "To Infinity & Beyond: The Implications of Civilian Space Travel" on December 14, 2021, [here](#).



USA Biolympiad 2022 Registration Open

Registration is open for the 2022 USA Biolympiad (USABO), the premiere U.S. biology education and testing program for high school students. All students, grades 9 to 12, are welcome to participate in the USABO. CEE encourages teachers and schools to register and host their students, ensuring a spot for the Open Exam. AP courses are not required. The registration fee is \$95 per school regardless of the number of student participants. School registration closes on December 10, 2021, and individual student registration closes on December 22, 2021. You can help inspire students to explore the biological sciences by sharing this news, developing exam questions, being a USABO advocate in your local high school, and sharing in conversation with friends. To find out more on how you can help, please contact the USABO Program Manager **Michelle King** mking@cee.org. [More...](#)

2021 Annual Fund: Up and Atom!

CEE has launched a fall fundraising campaign to support the Center's STEM programs. This year's theme is "Up and Atom". The goal is to reach \$250,000 by December 31. Thank you to the 2021 Alumni Committee for volunteering time and expertise to make this happen. The members of the committee are: **Pam Bee-Lindgren** (RSI '85 (Chair), **Amy Sillman** (RSI '84), **Rich Simon** (RSI '86), **John Quisel** (RSI '88), **Jed Macosko** (RSI '89), **Kelvin M. Neu** (RSI '90), **Rageshree Ramachandran** (RSI '90), **Susan S. Lee** (RSI '91), **Matthew Thrasher** (RSI '98), **Evan M. Schwartz** (RSI '00), **William Ellsworth** (USABO '17/RSI '18), and **Atharv Oak** (USABO '18). As a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization, donations to the CEE Annual Campaign are tax-deductible. Make a gift to CEE by visiting <http://www.cee.org/donate> or by calling the Center at (703) 448-9062. Checks may be mailed to the Center's new address: Center for Excellence in Education, 7918 Jones Branch Drive, Suite 700, McLean, VA 22102. Every gift assists the Center to keep RSI, USABO, and TEP cost-free to participants.



Alumni Reunions

CEE continues to organize virtual reunions for RSI and USABO alumni. The events not only help the Center connect with alumni lost through the years, but they are a wonderful opportunity for alumni from the U.S. and other nations to network. Many participants say they've never joined any kind of reunion before, and their participation is particularly exciting. **James Schuyler**, a 1988 Rickoid

and CEE's Webmaster & Alumni Liaison, is leading this initiative. Please contact him at jschuyler@cee.org if you can volunteer time to assist in this project.



Douglas Himberger, PhD



CEE Parent Committee Update

CEE's Parent Committee forges meaningful connections with all RSI and USABO parents through outreach activities to support the sustainability of the Center.

Dr. Douglas Himberger, CEE Trustee, serves as chair of the Committee. CEE welcomes 2021 RSI and USABO parents into the CEE family and plans new opportunities to involve parents from previous years. Parents from USABO and RSI, ranging from the 1986 to 2021 classes, are currently involved. Recently, parents have been involved with the CEE Annual Fund Campaign, led by the Parent Committee. Parents are also invited to share social media posts from the Center. Contact **Charles Farmer** at cfarmer@cee.org for additional information.



Zach Lipkin



CEE Staff Update

Zach Lipkin is CEE's new Manager of Local, State & Federal Advocacy. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government and Economics from the College of William & Mary. As an undergraduate, he served as the Development Coordinator for William & Mary's chapter of Camp Kesem, the largest national organization dedicated to supporting children impacted by a parent's cancer. Prior to joining CEE, he worked as a high school mathematics teacher at KIPP Collegiate in Nashville through the Teach For America program. In his new role, Zach will provide information and engage leaders to discuss CEE's mission to foster excellence in STEM. Zach also will serve as CEE's liaison with Capitol Hill, advocating for excellence in education.

**Sidharth
Anantha
(RSI '19)**



CEE Alumnus Makes Prestigious List

CEE is pleased to learn that **Sidharth Anantha** (RSI '19) is one of the winners of the prestigious "20-Under-20 Stars for 2021" awarded by *INDIA New England News*. A rising sophomore studying Aerospace and Computer Engineering at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Anantha is passionate about aerospace engineering. The "20-Under-20 Stars" were selected based on their achievements, extracurricular activities, entrepreneurship, and participation in community service, as well as exceptional skills in writing, arts, and music, among other factors. [More...](#)



Holiday Weekend Spectacular

CEE is celebrating the holiday season with virtual events. On Friday, December 17, 2021, from 5-6 p.m. EST, alumni will participate in virtual gatherings with Mrs.

D and RSI and USABO class alumni in breakout rooms! On Saturday, December 18, at 2 p.m. ET, enjoy a chess tournament. Alumni RSVP [online](#) or email **James Schuyler** (RSI '88) at jschuyler@cee.org.

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