

Stockton College Hosts Region's Largest Science Fair Saturday

More than 700 students to compete in Jersey Shore Science Fair

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Galloway Township, NJ – More than 700 students from Atlantic, Cape May, Ocean and Monmouth counties will compete in the region's largest science fair, hosted by The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey on Saturday, March 16.

"The Jersey Shore Science Fair is the largest out of 13 in the Delaware Valley region, and has doubled in participants since 2001," said Dr. Dennis Weiss, dean of the school of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at Stockton.

The Stockton JSSF has been recognized as one of the best in both quantity and quality of projects, said Cathy Jaggard, fair director for 14 years and an employee of ASRC Research and Technology Solutions (ARTS) at the FAA's William J. Hughes Technical Center.

Over 650 projects submitted by students in sixth through 12th grades will be judged on criteria including creative ability, scientific thought/engineering goals, thoroughness, skill and clarity.

First-, second- and third-place winners in 15 categories will go on to the Delaware Valley Science Fair April 2-6. Participants who began at the Stockton fair have gone all the way to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) and placed in previous years, according to Henry Disston, director of Delaware Valley Science Fairs, Inc.

"It's all about the kids and their imaginations," said Jaggard.

Thirteen Stockton faculty, staff and students will participate in judging and helping run the science fair, which starts at 9 a.m. Saturday in Big Blue, Stockton's sports complex.