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# For Immediate Release

## Open house for national science fair participants

**NOTE TO EDITORS:** Students will be available for interviews from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, and from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. The location will be the McInnes Room, Dalhousie University Student Union Building, 6136 University Avenue.

**HALIFAX—April 27, 2006**—Students representing the province at the national science fair have made their way to Halifax to display their award-winning projects to the public.

Forty students will display their innovations, experiments and studies on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 during the Team Nova Scotia Showcase. The event will be hosted in the McInnes Room at Dalhousie University's Student Union Building.

Nova Scotia is sending 40 participants, it's largest-ever delegation to the Canada-Wide Science Fair in May. This is also the first time students from Conseil scolaire acadien provincial and the Mi'kmaq First Nations schools will compete at a national level.

"We are proud to celebrate the achievements of these outstanding students. They are all examples of how hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm for learning can be rewarding," said Cliff Coveyduc, program director of Nova Scotia Youth Experiences in Science, the provincial umbrella organization for science fairs. "We wish these young ambassadors the best of luck as they represent Nova Scotia at this national event."

The showcase kicks off Friday, April 28 at 1 p.m. with opening remarks from Mr. Coveyduc, Dr. Patrick Ryall from Dalhousie University's Faculty of Science, and Dr. Alan Lowe from the Department of Education. Mr. Lee Bragg, co-CEO of EastLink, will deliver the keynote address at 1:30 p.m.

The community is invited to meet the participants and tour the projects from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, and from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. The McInnes Room is located on the second floor of the Student Union Building at 6136 University Avenue.

Team Nova Scotia Showcase brings together all students headed to the national science fair for an open house exhibit. The students will participate in a variety of educational, social and cultural activities geared to build team spirit and give them exposure to the scientific community.

The Team Nova Scotia Showcase is made possible by the generous support of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia (APENS), Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society—Halifax (CMOS), Dalhousie University Faculty of Science, EnCana Corporation, Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), Nova Scotia Association of Science Teachers (AST), Nova Scotia Community College, Nova Scotia Department of Education, Nova Scotia Office of Economic Development, Nova Scotia Power, and Resource Recovery Fund Board.

More than 10,000 secondary students participate in school-based science fairs each year in Nova Scotia, with more than 1,000 students participating at a regional level.

The Canada-Wide Science Fair is the largest extra-curricular activity of its kind related to science and technology in Canada. Each year, 450 of the country's top young scientists are chosen to compete from over 25,000 national competitors at nearly 100 regional fairs staged across the country.

The national science fair will be held in Saguenay, Quebec, from May 13 to 21.

### **About NS YES**

Nova Scotia Youth Experiences in Science's (NSYES) mission is to initiate, promote and support science experiences for Nova Scotia youth and celebrate the accomplishments of our young scientists. NSYES is a not-for-profit organization.

NSYES is supported by EnCana Corporation, Nova Scotia Department of Education, Nova Scotia Office of Economic Development, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Aliant, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, Emera, Global Television, The Chronicle Herald, and by the many other organizations and individuals who support our young scientists through the Team Nova Scotia Showcase.

The NSYES Web site at [www.sciencefairinfo.ns.ca](http://www.sciencefairinfo.ns.ca) is filled with tools to assist students, teachers and parents.

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