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300 High School Seniors Named Intel Science Talent Search 2011 Semifinalists

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WHEN: Jan. 12. Semifinalists on Eastern and Central Time will be announced at 1 p.m. EST/12 p.m. CST. (Any Semifinalists from North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Texas will also all be announced at this time). Semifinalists on Pacific and Mountain Time will be announced at 1 p.m. PST/2 p.m. MST. (Any Semifinalists from Alaska and Hawaii will also be announced at this time).

WHAT: Three-hundred seniors from 173 high schools across the country will be named semifinalists in the Intel Science Talent Search 2011, a program of Society for Science & the Public. As the nation's oldest and most prestigious pre-college science competition, the Intel Science Talent Search brings together the best and brightest young scientific minds in America to compete for \$1.25 million in awards. Each semifinalist receives a \$1,000 award from the Intel Foundation with an additional \$1,000 going to his or her respective school, resulting in \$600,000 in total semifinalist awards.

The Intel Science Talent Search encourages students to tackle challenging scientific questions and develop the skills to solve the problems of tomorrow. Projects submitted for consideration cover all disciplines of science, including biochemistry, chemistry, physics, mathematics, engineering, behavioral science, and medicine and health.

WHO: Semifinalists were selected from 1,744 entrants and hail from 30 states and the District of Columbia. To learn about specific semifinalists and view a state by state breakdown, visit www.societyforscience.org/sts.

NEXT STEPS: On Jan. 26, 40 of the 300 semifinalists will be named as finalists and receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. from March 10-15. They will compete for more than \$630,000 in awards provided by the Intel Foundation. Each finalist receives at least \$7,500. The winners will be selected based on rigorous judging sessions and announced at a black-tie gala award ceremony at the National Building Museum on March 15. The top award is \$100,000; the remaining top 10 will receive awards totaling \$305,000.

QUOTES: "America's future as a leader in innovation is dependent on our youth excelling in math and science," said Shelly Esque, vice president of Corporate Affairs at Intel. "The Intel Science Talent Search is an opportunity to ignite curiosity and passion among youth to tackle challenging scientific questions and develop the skills to solve the problems of tomorrow."

"As we celebrate the 70th year of the Science Talent Search, we also celebrate the outstanding caliber of the semifinalists who

inspire us with their mastery of math and science in addressing the problems society faces," said Elizabeth Marincola, president of Society for Science & the Public, the nonprofit organization dedicated to public engagement in scientific research and education that has owned and administered the Science Talent Search since its inception in 1942. "We join with Intel to congratulate these exceptional young minds and commend the mentors, teachers, schools, parents and communities that have contributed to their success."

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Over 70 years, more than 142,000 students from U.S. high schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and territories have submitted independent research projects for the Science Talent Search.

The young innovators chosen to participate in the Science Talent Search have gone on to receive some of the world's most prestigious honors. For example, seven former finalists have won the Nobel Prize while others have been awarded the Fields Medal, the National Medal of Science and the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. 2011 marks Intel's 13th year sponsoring the Science Talent Search.

Over the past decade alone, Intel and the Intel Foundation have invested more than \$1 billion, and Intel employees have donated close to 3 million hours toward improving education in more than 60 countries.

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