



\*\*\*\*\*NEWS ITEM\*\*\*\*\*

**TREXLER STUDENTS SHINE AT LV SCIENCE FAIR; WINNERS ADVANCE TO REGIONAL COMPETITION**

(Allentown, PA, March 30, 2005) -- Five Trexler Middle School 8th grade students received awards at the 2005 Lehigh Valley Science and Engineering Fair that took place March 19, 2005 at Lehigh University. Four projects received first place awards and one project was named honorable mention. The four winners are invited to participate in the Delaware Valley Regional Science Fair as representatives of the Lehigh Valley. The regional competition takes place April 5-7 at the Fort Washington Expo Center in Fort Washington, PA where competitors from eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware will attempt to win a berth to the national competition.

“Our students showed their sharp intellect and determination to receive such great honors at this high-level competition,” says Trexler science teacher, Karen Shaffer. “We are all so proud of them. Great things are happening in our sciences at Allentown School District.”

The Science and Engineering Fair was judged by professors from local colleges and universities as well as industry professionals. The Lehigh Valley Science and Engineering Fair was sponsored by Lehigh University and Intel.

**TREXLER AWARD WINNERS:**

Gabrielle Nikischer – Honorable Mention – Environmental Science Division – Factors of Rate of Decay of Fruit (apples)

Daniel Marcus – First Place – Mathematics Division – Statistical Analysis on the Impact of Turnovers on Winning a Basketball Game.

Terry Hristofas – First Place – Biochemistry Division – Successful DNA Extraction from an Onion

Spencer Jones – First Place – Environmental Science – The Effect of Acid Rain on Monument; Potential Protective Coatings

Liana Altieri – First Place – Botany – Natural Plant Hormones & Plant Growth

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