



State of New Mexico

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A Welcome Message from Governor Bill Richardson

As Governor of New Mexico, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2008 Los Alamos National Laboratory Student Symposium, "Championing Scientific Careers." This symposium showcases the innovative thinking and diligent research of the next generation of scientific leaders. Their work as student researchers is invaluable to the mission of the lab.

Stemming from J. Robert Oppenheimer's choice of Los Alamos as the setting for the Manhattan Project, New Mexico has had a long history of scientific and technological excellence. Since its inception, Los Alamos National Laboratory has played a central role in that history, attracting and cultivating some of the brightest minds in the world.

The work we are recognizing here contributes to that important heritage while helping move New Mexico forward as a national leader of scientific progress. This is an exciting time to be a scientist, and Los Alamos is a rewarding place for you to further your education and launch your careers.

I commend you all for your hard work and accomplishments. Best wishes to the presenters and their mentors in this year's symposium.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Richardson".

*Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico*