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Students Zoom into Science

Lee Dykstra, director of technology and competition for Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART) and David Hiatt, motivational speaker for the Lushin Daly Group Family, are guest speakers for the 13th Annual Nevada Regional Science Bowl luncheon. The luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2004, and take place at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Donald C. Moyer Student Union, 2nd floor ballroom. Nathan Tannenbaum, KTNV TV-13 weathercaster, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Dykstra is an accomplished race-car engineer who has worked in senior positions for companies such as Ford Motor Company and Special Chassis Inc. Dykstra designed and developed the Trans-Am Ford Mustang, handling and braking on the Ford ESV safety vehicle, and after-market race packages for the Mustang and Pinto - just to name a few. Dykstra has worked with racing legends Bobby Rahal, Emerson Fittipaldi, Danny Sullivan and the late Al Holbert during his distinguished 33-year career. Dykstra graduated in the top 15 percent of his class with a Bachelor of Arts in Mechanical Engineering from General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan.

Hiatt works in conjunction with the Lushin Daly Group and the Derek Daly Performance Driving Academy. Prior to the Lushin Daly Group, Hiatt helped grow a local insurance company into HIATT Agency, Inc., a national multi-million dollar firm that grosses \$23 million in annual sales. With his leadership, HIATT Agency, Inc. was twice recognized by *Inc.* magazine as one of the top 100 fastest growing private firms in America. Hiatt is most proud of being selected by the U.S. Jaycees as the most "Outstanding Speaker" in the country and for his work with youth groups in the American Red Cross.

This year's Science Bowl theme, "Zoom into Science," focuses on physics and how it is applied to everyday life. Both Dykstra and Hiatt will speak about the sport of Auto-racing, where every car is a laboratory on wheels and every drive is an exciting journey into the world of physics.

Thirty-two teams representing high schools in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Utah will test their expertise in the areas of math and science during the competition hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office.

The 13-round competition will begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, February 7, in UNLV's Classroom Building Complex. The final round of competition will begin at 5:15 p.m. and the winning team will be announced at 6:25 p.m.

Teams will compete for the Nevada Regional Science Bowl title, earning them a trip to the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. in May and prize money ranging up to \$2,500.

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