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Dear LANL students and mentors,

I'm very pleased to have this opportunity to welcome you to the Los Alamos National Laboratory 2008 Student Symposium, "Championing Scientific Careers." Los Alamos National Laboratory has a distinguished record spanning over sixty years of providing the finest scientific research in support of maintaining our nation's security. I appreciate and applaud your personal involvement in the Laboratory's student internship program which gives you an opportunity to complement your academic studies with hands-on experience.

Participation in the Symposium allows you to highlight and share the results of your internship experience via posters and presentations with your fellow students, mentors, Lab employees, and the community. The Los Alamos Student Internship Program is the largest student program offered by any of our national laboratories, and I hope you find your experience personally and professionally rewarding. It also gives you an excellent opportunity to meet and network with other highly talented students from across the country and to explore potential opportunities for permanent employment after you complete your academic studies.

Your internship at Los Alamos National Laboratory is an outstanding example of the structured university/laboratory STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) partnerships that my colleagues and I strongly encouraged in our sponsorship and support of the America COMPETES legislation that was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President in 2007.

Best of luck to you in your careers!

Sincerely,



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