

Welcome

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It is with tremendous pride that we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Science Olympiad in 2009. When we started this non-profit organization in 1984 along with our good friend Jack Cairns, we set out to improve the quality of science education and provide recognition for those who excel in science. While our original mission was accomplished through competitive tournaments, hands-on community activities and teacher training, we never imagined the role Science Olympiad would play in the academic and professional careers of so many lives.

The entire Science Olympiad program would not be possible without the hard work, collaboration and teamwork demonstrated by one of the finest volunteer organizations in the country. The network of educators and advocates who represent Science Olympiad -- including Event Supervisors, Regional, State and National Tournament Directors, Board, Rules and Advisory Committee members, Coaches and State Directors -- ensure that Science Olympiad maintains its leadership and integrity as an independent, educator-founded, standards-based program with student-centered learning as the primary goal.

We are honored that you have chosen to join Science Olympiad in this 25th Anniversary year, and hope that you find the experience challenging, fun and rewarding. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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