



October 17, 2008 Young Leaders Share Energy Recommendations

LYNCHBURG, Va. – Nine students from National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science and Technology's (NCSSSMST) member schools will travel to Washington D.C. in October to present their findings on the topic of the future of sustainable fuels in America before the Keystone Energy Board.

The selected students were among 38 students who participated in the 2008 Youth Policy Summit on Sustainable Fuels that was co-sponsored by the NCSSSMST and the Keystone Center and held in Keystone, Colorado. The purpose of the summit was to provide students with opportunities to share research, learn about policy and negotiation, collaborate with peers and practice problem solving.

The students will present the consensus-based recommendations they developed during the Youth Policy Summit and engage in a discussion about energy policy with Energy Board members on October 22, 2008. The student presenters represent the 10 teams that best communicated the spirit and vision of the summit.

The Keystone Energy Board is made up of about 50 energy experts and stakeholders including Members of Congress, federal and state government officials and experts in transportation, electricity, and environmental and consumer advocacy. According to the Board's mission statement, "the purpose of the Board is to foster dialogues that examine the linkages among energy, environmental and economic policies...the meetings of the Board are designed to stimulate broad thinking about issues affecting energy policy and to anticipate the issues that may become a focus of future policy debates."

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The National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science and Technology is the nation's foremost alliance dedicated to transforming mathematics, science and technology education in the United States. The Consortium serves educators and students through the exchange of information and program ideas among faculty, staff, and students from member schools as well as affiliated colleges and universities. The non-profit NCSSSMST works to shape national policy, foster collaboration, and identify and share exemplary programs. For more information on NCSSSMST, visit <http://www.ncsssmst.org>.

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