Over the past two decades, Science Olympiad has become the largest and most prestigious team science, technology, engineering and math competition in the United States, providing recognition for academic excellence and millions of dollars in scholarships and awards to deserving students nationwide. The pinnacle of the Science Olympiad year is the National Tournament, and we were honored to have The George Washington University in Washington, DC, as our host, in 2008.

In the past year, we’ve again increased our membership, added three state organizations in Hawaii, Maryland and New Hampshire, improved our Alumni outreach, and instituted new programs designed to bring new teams into the fold. The Science Olympiad Urban Schools Initiative, which piloted in Chicago in 2007, combines the efforts of universities, museums and state Science Olympiad organizations to encourage and support minority involvement in informal science education. Science in the City, an urban science outreach program, featured the Science Olympiad Straw Tower Challenge in all 604 K-12 Chicago Public Schools and served more than 5,000 members of the Chicago community. We also invested in scientific technology for our regional and state competitions, and unveiled a new national web site and e-commerce system in the summer of 2008. Finally, we continue our focus on professional development opportunities for science teachers, including state-hosted Science Olympiad workshops, dedicated sessions at national conferences, and the national Science Olympiad Summer Institute.

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. These educators and advocates 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. The framework of providing challenging content in a competitive setting keeps Science Olympiad fresh, exciting and continually attractive to schools around the US that want to provide an extracurricular activity with the same rewards, joy and achievement of athletics.

It is with great pride that I share this Annual Report for 2008 with you.

Dr. Gerard J. Putz
President & Co-Founder
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 science education, increasing male, female and minority interest in science, creating a technologically literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by both students and teachers. These goals are achieved by participating in Science Olympiad tournaments and non-competitive events, incorporating Science Olympiad into classroom curriculum and attending teacher training institutes.

Looking back on it, Bridge and Tower Building and Road Scholar basically directly relate to what I do right now as a transportation engineer. Science Olympiad really helped me find my place in the world and discover that there are people out there who love the same things I love.

- Alicia Zimmerman, Civil Engineer, JJR
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

In May 2008, Science Olympiad and The George Washington University (GW) put on our largest event of the year for more than 1,800 of the best and brightest students in the nation, as well as their teachers and parents. The university granted access to science labs, its finest public venues, dorms, union and meeting facilities, and brought in world-renowned speakers like Dr. Benjamin Carson, head of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University, and Frank Sesno, CNN reporter and GW professor. In recognition of what students achieved to reach the national level of competition, GW provided each and every participant with a $20,000 tuition stipend, an offer of $36 million dollars. Combined with the nearly $400,000 the university and Science Olympiad budget to run this completely free event, that’s quite an investment in youth science education.

URBAN SCHOOLS INITIATIVES WITH CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

With a combination of a grant from The Abbott Fund and contributions of time, talent and in-kind support from partner organizations, Science Olympiad fully funded membership, training for coaches, special workshops at colleges and museums and an entire Regional Tournament - at no cost to the 100 Chicago Public Schools students and teachers who participated. Donated expenses totaled more than $60,000 from the Illinois Science Olympiad, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Wright College, Chicago Public Schools and Science Olympiad and ensured a quality experience for these urban high school students.

“I have seen first-hand the positive impact Science Olympiad can have on budding scientists.”

- Dr. Benjamin Carson

TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT AT STATE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD LEVEL

In 2007, Science Olympiad provided all 54 State Science Olympiad leadership organizations with free calculators, sensors and probes provided by a grant from Texas Instruments and Vernier valued at $20,000. Relationships with several of the top science and technology companies allow Science Olympiad to obtain materials and expertise for its key personnel, event supervisors and member schools.
Volunteers and Membership Benefits

One of Science Olympiad’s primary resources are the volunteers at all levels who staff and run tournaments, create the rules that govern the competitions, and supervise the hundreds of thousands of students who participate each year. Five representative categories of volunteerism are:

Content Development
Rules Manuals for 46 events in all content areas, CDs, DVDs, Training Handbooks, Workshop Presentations

Science Olympiad Tournament Supervision
More than 400 Invitational, Regional, State and National Tournaments require up to 300 volunteers each.

Leadership of Statewide Organizations
Coordination of Science Olympiad activities in 47 states.

Professional Development Workshops for Teachers
More than 40 regional, state and national workshops, including the annual Science Olympiad Summer Institute and National and State Science Teacher Association sessions.

Public Outreach
Including summer camps, city events, Elementary Science Olympiad tournaments and Fun Nights.

In addition to managing these volunteer efforts, Science Olympiad provides an abundance of services to its member schools and State Science Olympiad Chapters:

Schools
Rules Manuals
Participation in Invitational, Regional, State and National Tournaments
State Medals and Trophies
National Web Resources including Rules Clarifications
Scholarships

State Chapters
Annual State Directors and Event Supervisors Training Meeting (3 days)
PR, Marketing, Grant Writing and Sponsorships Assistance
Chapter & Club Liability Insurance
Tuition Awards and Scholarships from Host Universities
Prizes, Trips and Cash Awards from National Sponsors
Science Olympiad prides itself on controlling overhead and costs, garnering recognition from the Independent Charities of America. On November 6, 2007, the U.S. Government employee-giving program, Educate America, accepted Science Olympiad as a member of its Combined Federal Campaign, its 12th continuous year of inclusion. These significant accolades, in conjunction with our annual external audits, put Science Olympiad in a state of excellent financial health.

Science Olympiad is privileged to have sponsors who are true partners in our mission. Each of the corporations, associations and groups listed has a vested interest in improving the quality of K-12 STEM education and the future development of our scientific workforce.

**2008 gold sponsors ($25,000 and up)**

- The George Washington University - National Tournament Host
- Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) - Educate America Funds Coalition
- Discovery Education
- Texas Instruments

**2008 Silver Sponsors ($10,000 to $24,999)**

- Abbott Fund
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- DuPont Center for Collaborative Research and Education
- Lockheed Martin
- Science Chicago

**2008 Bronze Sponsors ($1,000 to $9,999)**

- Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)
- American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
- Chadra X-Ray Center
- Delta Education
- Institute of Food Technologists (IFT)
- MAKE Magazine
- MAP Real Estate
- Midwest Products
- PITSCCO
- Society for Neuroscience (SfN)
Revenue

- 29.6% Investments
- 28.8% Contributions/Scholarships
- 20.0% Educational Resources/Awards
- 17.8% Memberships
- 3.8% Training

Revenue Amount

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For year ending September 30, 2007

Expenses

- 58.7% Scholarships/Tournament
- 15.9% Program Services/Wages/Benefits
- 8.6% Educational Resources/Shipping
- 6.7% Training
- 6.7% Rent/Utilities/Supplies
- 3.4% Investment and Professional Fees

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For year ending September 30, 2007
Audited by Metzler, Loricchio & Serra Co.
State Chapters and Members

Number of Science Olympiad Memberships in Secondary Schools Per State, 2008

Mike Shea - AK
Jane Nall - AL
Hal Eastin - AZ
Scott Speet - AZ
Barbara Little - CA
Ed Rodevich - CA
Tom Reed - CO
Brendan Herlihy - CT
Frederic Siegel - DC
Barbara Borieske - DE
Mike McKee - FL
Bill Welnitz - GA
Franklin Allaire - HI
Susan Noreuil - IA
Gary Carlson - ID
Joe Simmons - IL
Tom Morgan - IN
Greg Novacek - KS
Lowell Shank - KY
Shawn Budden - LA
Robert Goldstein - MA
Brian Niece - MA
Al Causey - MD
Carol Titterton - ME
Mark Van Hecke - MI
Brandi Hansmeyer - MN
Neil Michels - MN
Patty Palmietto - MO
Sheila Hendry - MS
Elisabeth Swanson - MT
Jason Painter - NC
Jennifer Lepper - ND
Jim Woodland - NE
John Boucher - NH
Sandy Buleza - NJ
Tony Ortiz - NM
Richard Vineyard - NV
Harold Miller - NY
Lynn Rathke - OH
Bob Melton - OK
Jean Cavanaugh - OR
Dick Smith - PA
James Magyar - RI
Bret Clark - SC
Clark Bennett - SD
David Stanislawski - TN
Nancy Magnussen - TX
Sharon Ohlhorst - UT
Scott VanBenschoten - VA
Sue Murphy - WA
Anne Murphy - WI
Forrest Schultz - WI
Paul Marquard - WY

National Tournament Sites

1985 Michigan State University
1986 Michigan State University
1987 Ohio State University
1988 Delaware State University
1989 University of Colorado, Boulder
1990 Clarion University
1991 Penn Valley Community College
1992 Auburn University
1993 University of Southern Colorado
1994 University of Arizona
1995 Indiana University
1996 Georgia Institute of Technology
1997 North Carolina State University
1998 Grand Valley State University
1999 University of Chicago
2000 Eastern Washington University
2001 University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
2002 University of Delaware
2003 Ohio State University
2004 Juniata College
2005 University of Illinois
2006 Indiana University
2007 Wichita State University
2008 The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
2009 Augusta State University
2010 University of Illinois
2011 University of Wisconsin, Madison
2012 University of Central Florida
National Committees

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Nebraska State Director

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Director and Co-Founder

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Marketing Director

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Lockheed Martin

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Harvard University, Science Olympiad Alumnus

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The George Washington University, 2008 National Tournament Committee

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DuPont Corporation

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University of Central Florida, Florida State Director

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Science Olympiad Coach, Ohio

Philip Dail  
Science Consultant, North Carolina

Harold Miller  
New York State Director

Peggy Vavalla  
DuPont Corporation

Tina Gilliland  
Indiana University, 2006 National Tournament Director

Michael Osborne  
Science Manager, Texas Instruments

Dr. Bill Wellnitz  
Augusta State University, Georgia State Director, 2009 National Tournament Director

Azania Heyward-James  
Centers for Disease Control

NATIONAL RULES COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Karen Lancour  
Life Personal & Social Science

Harry Kranepool and Mike McKee  
Physical Science

CeAnn Chalker  
Technology & Engineering

Linder Winter and Mark Van Hecke  
Earth & Space Science

Linda Wozniewski  
Chemistry

James Woodland  
Inquiry & Nature of Science

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