



From the 2008 Science Fair Winner

I like to think that I was born into the science fair. The year I was born was the year my sister just began participating in the Flint Area Science Fair (FASF), and for every year for 14 years I have been coming to Kettering University to either support a sibling or compete in it. I know all about the stresses of a science fair, I am quite familiar with how the printer never works at 4am the night before project set-up or how those dress pants in your closet seem to be 3 sizes too small the morning of interviews. People expect me to be a well oiled engine now with all my years of experience and that makes me laugh because that is far from the truth. What would FASF be without these mishaps? The answer to that is boring.

All the stresses the science fair puts me through are worth it in the end after winning. This year I was able to fly to Atlanta, Georgia to take part in the International Science and Engineering Fair. I was able to meet with Nobel Laureates, visited the zoo, took a trip to the Coca Cola Factory, and ate an entire one pound double chocolate cookies and cream cake with whip cream (Note to self: make sure to buy new dress pants for next year's science fair). I met so many experts in my field that gave me invaluable advice and also became close friends with students from all over the world who were just as interested in science as I was. Plus, it's all expenses paid!

Now that I won, don't think that I am going to go easy on you. I plan on bringing it every year. I have three more years left, so if you think you got it, **BRING IT!**

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