

ISEF 2011—Wow! What an experience, especially for Flint Regional Science Fair students.

Los Angeles, California is a large sunny city filled with sights, sounds, and 1543 Finalists and 1000 Observers from 65 countries or territories participating in the 2011 INTEL International Science & Engineering Fair.

We had the opportunity to hear from Jeffrey Katzenber, CEO of DreamWorks Animation SKG who released the movies Shrek, Kung Fu Panda and How to Train Your Dragon.

A trip around L.A. proved to us that indeed there have been many well known people there as seen on the Walk of Stars and Theaters. A walk at the beach and on Historic Santa Monica Pier was part of a good tour. Watching Lois Gagnon ask, "What was your favorite childhood science memory?" and get replies from the Nobel Laureates was great fun. They all wanted to speak about that.

Student observers took a trip up into the Santa Monica Mountains to visit The Getty Center with its unusual buildings and gardens. After a long hard day of judging, Universal Studios Hollywood hosted a great evening at the park including food, rides, tours and music.

Of the 17 students from Michigan 6 took Special Awards, including Lois Gagnon and Matthew Bauerle, and 8 placed, with Nithin Tumma and Matthew Bauerle both winning 1st Place plus Best of Category. What a grand week!

Special thanks to Linda Vincil and Mike Aubin for coordinating, leading and chaperoning students from our fair for the 17th and 18th years respectively.