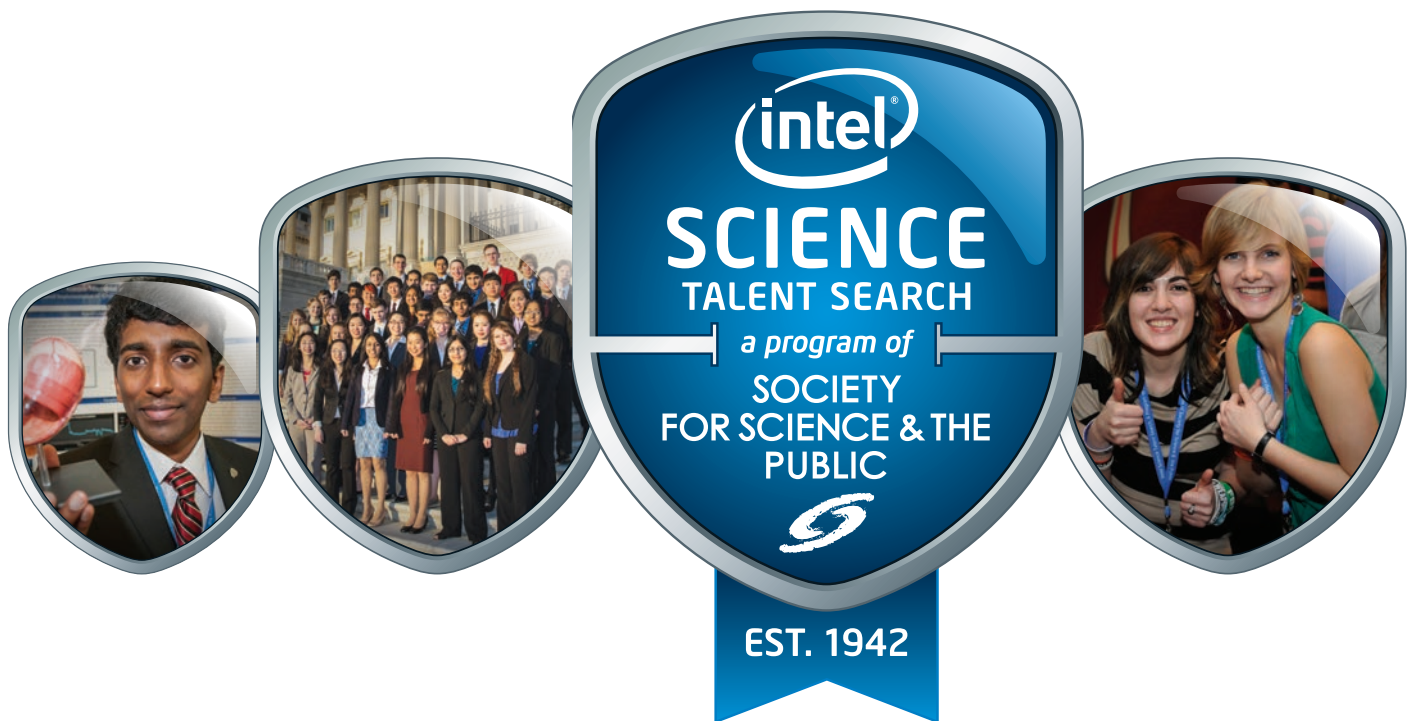


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INTEL STS 2014 Semifinalists





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The semifinalists of the Intel Science Talent Search (Intel STS) 2014 were selected from among 1,794 entrants representing 489 high schools in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and seven overseas schools.

Each of the 300 students named a semifinalist in the Intel STS 2014 will receive a \$1,000 award for his or her outstanding research. Additionally, to recognize excellence in teaching and school support of individual student research, every school will receive an award of \$1,000 for each semifinalist named in the Intel STS 2014. This award is used to further excellence in science, math, and/or engineering education.

Colleges and universities regard the Intel STS semifinalist award to be evidence of exceptional academic promise. Each semifinalist is provided with a certificate of accomplishment which may be sent with his or her applications for college admission and scholarships. A listing in this book, as well as official publication at student.societyforscience.org/intel-sts, is also documentation of this honor.

Many Intel Science Talent Search projects are the product of a research environment in which scientist mentors dedicate themselves to the intellectual development and technical training of students. The 2014 semifinalists, Intel, and Society for Science & the Public acknowledge with gratitude the guidance, expertise, and patience of the experienced researchers who supported many of these projects.

From this group of 300 Intel STS 2014 semifinalists, 40 finalists will be chosen to attend the Intel Science Talent Institute in Washington, DC from March 6–12, 2014. During their trip to Washington, these finalists will undergo further judging and share \$630,000 in awards.

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Phoenix

Brakensiek Home School

Brakensiek, Joshua, 17

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Tempe

Corona Del Sol High School

Cao, Patric Thanh, 17

A Novel Synthesis and Chemotherapeutic Study on a PEGylated Gold Nanorod Lytic Peptide and Its Effects on Prostate and Bladder Cancer Cells

ARKANSAS

Little Rock

Little Rock Central High School

Ji, Nathanael Yongxiang, 17

Engineered Cell-cell Communication Utilizing Exosomes with miRNA and Protein

CALIFORNIA

Cupertino

Cupertino High School

Balakrishna, Ashwin, 17

Optimal Control Strategies for Trajectory Optimization with Applications to Continuous Solar Flight

Lee, Tanya, 17

Emoticon Impact on Sentiment Analysis Precision

Monta Vista High School

Jain, Nishant, 17

Augmented Reality on Mobile Devices: Advancing Globally Accessible Anatomical Education

Narkhede, Pradnya Nitin, 17

Correction of the Delta-F508 Mutation in the CFTR Gene with the Use of Airway Epithelium-Delivered Zinc Finger Nucleases for Homology-Directed Genomic Editing

Ng, Natalie, 17

Advancing Precision Medicine: MicroRNA Prognostic Signatures and Prediction Models for Distant Metastasis Free Survival in Breast Cancer

Shankar, Vishnu, 17

The 3D Structure of Human DP Prostaglandin G-protein Coupled Receptor Bound to Selective Antagonists from GEnSeMBLE Predictions

Folsom

Folsom High School

Zhou, Allan, 17

The Role of Tyrosine Sulfation in Integrin Ligand Binding

Fremont

Mission San Jose High School

Lu, Jonathan, 17

Improved Peak Detection and Deconvolution of Native Protein Complex Electrospray Mass Spectra

Irvine

University High School

Lee, Kevin, 17

Strongly Coupled Electromechanical Modeling of the Heart in Moving Domains Using the Phase-Field Method

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| Orinda | <p><u>Miramonte High School</u> <i>Li, Jennifer, 17</i> Engineering Novel Biochips for the Rapid and Sensitive Detection of Biomarkers</p> |
| Palo Alto | <p><u>Henry M. Gunn High School</u> <i>Goronzy, Isabel Nadine, 17</i> The Key to Pluripotency: Molecular Engineering of the PSpC1 Gene to Optimize Reprogramming Efficiency of Pluripotent Stem Cells</p> <p><i>Liu, Charles Xin, 17</i> Integrated Meta-analysis of 64 Diseases Identifies Novel Relationship Between Systemic Sclerosis and Systemic Lupus Erythematosus</p> <p><i>Wang, Emily S., 17</i> A New Light in Biosensing: Engineering Bright and Photostable Green Fluorescent Protein Mutants for Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET)</p> <p><u>Palo Alto High School</u> <i>Venkatasubramaniam, Sidhanth Grover, 17</i> A Novel Framework for Computer-Aided Detection of Breast Masses in Mammograms Using Unsupervised Feature Learning with Deep Networks</p> |
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Canyon Crest Academy

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Patrick Henry High School

Simpson, Sara Kornfeld, 17

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San Jose

Archbishop Mitty High School

Balasingam, Arjun, 17

Energy-Delay Optimization of Variability-Prone Carbon Nanotube VLSI Circuits

Leland High School

Wong, Courtney, 17

Scattered Light from Quasars: Connecting Observations with Computer Simulations

Lynbrook High School

Kong, Angela Xiangyue, 17

The Transcription Factor Bcl11b Regulates Mammary Stem Cell Self-Renewal and Quiescence Partially Through Cell Cycle Progression Inhibitor CDKN1a/p21

Wei, Jane, 17

Oxidative Stress in Three Species of Anemone: the Estuarine Anemone *Nematostella vectensis*, and Marine Anemones *Edwardsiella lineata* and *Aiptasia pallida*

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Chen, Stephanie, 16

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Fu, Christopher, 17

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Gupta, Anika, 17

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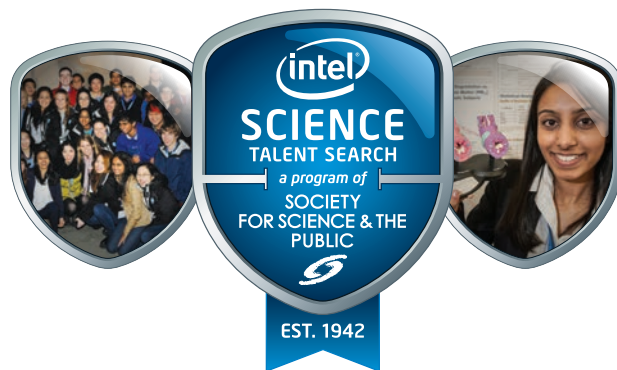
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