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Education Department Selects National Youth Science Camp Delegates *Two Alaska HighSchool Seniors Head to West Virginia Camp*

Talkeetna High School senior, Joshua Holbrook, and Chugiak High School senior, Mason Victors, two promising young scientific leaders in Alaska, have been awarded the opportunity to attend the 41th session of the National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) in West Virginia. At the invitation of West Virginia's Governor, Bob Wise, they will participate as Alaska's delegates in the four-week summer forum at which students exchange ideas with leading scientists and other professionals from academic and corporate worlds. The National Youth Science Foundation will pay all of their expenses.

Having excelled in science and math through out their high school careers, Joshua and Mason are well qualified to participate in this prestigious scientific group. Joshua, described as a refreshing, "out-of-the box" thinker, has also a keen interest in art and web design. Mason, a talented musician, has successfully completed AP Calculus, Physics and Economics. Active members of their communities, both young men have demonstrated that they are highly motivated to learn and investigate the world around them.

At NYSC, lectures and hands-on research projects are presented by scientists from across the country who work on some of the most provocative topics in science today - topics such as fractal geometry, the human genome project, global climate change, the history of the universe, the fate of our rain forests, and robotics. Delegates to the NYSC are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art, and music with resident staff members.

Delegates also present seminars covering their own areas of research and interest.

Hi Harry,

I hope that I have included all the information you requested.

Selection Committee:

Sondra Meredith & Cleta Elefritz, Education Specialists, Department of Education & Early Development
Dave Gillam, Science Fellow, Anchorage
Diane McBee, Science Fellow, Soldotna

Selection Process:

The selection committee ranked the applications using the rubric provided by the National Youth Science Foundation. The applicants with the highest two cumulative scores were selected to attend the NYSC. The applicants with the next three highest cumulative scores were notified that they are alternates to represent Alaska at the National Youth Science Camp.

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