

Subject: 4Th Annual INSPIRE Conference
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Dear Professor Grabowski:

The forth annual INSPIRE (Interstate Network of Science Programs Integrating Research and Education) conference is scheduled for Sept. 22-24, 2006 on the University of Southern Mississippi's Hattiesburg campus. This undergraduate research conference offers opportunities for the best and brightest students studying polymers science, materials science, and biomaterials science to present their research, share their learning experiences with other students and faculty members, and compete for cash awards for outstanding presentations and posters. There will be a professional development sessions featuring stage combat and stage presence activities.

Conference organizers especially want to invite Research Experiences for Undergraduate program participants to attend and present their research projects. These students are encouraged to participate and present even though their research might not be progressing as desired - such is the nature of research! Other benefits of attending the free INSPIRE conference include meeting leaders in scientific research and catching a glimpse of their future career choices.

The INSPIRE conference offers an exciting opportunity for undergraduate researchers to share their results with their peers in a unique environment. There also is an excellent chance that they can be winners in the awards competition. We hope you will encourage your students and others you know within your institution or elsewhere to apply and participate.

Details:

- No registration fee are assessed at this conference. We also can provide support for meals, lodging, and travel expenses. What a wonderful deal!
- September 1 deadline for registration
- September 6 poster / oral presentation abstracts deadline. Please encourage your students to send their abstracts before they depart from your campus.
- Cash Awards for top three presenters in each category (Polymer Science, Biomaterial Science, Material Science and Others, plus awards will go to the best high school presentation in each category).

Point your browser to www.pslc.ws/inspire <<http://www.pslc.ws/inspire>> for more information and registration.

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