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2006 MESAS MAIL-IN CONTEST BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Get Additional Copies of the 2006 MESAS Contest at www.scacadsci.org

To: MESAS Sponsors and Students:

(All Regions: Sandhills Reg. IV; Low Country Reg. V; Midlands Reg. II, Western Reg. I, Sea Island Region VII)

Please find enclosed information about the mail-in contest for the Middle/Elementary School Academy of Science (MESAS) sponsored by The South Carolina Academy of Science (SCAS) and produced by Francis Marion University.

I have attached two MESAS Contests for your students (one for grades 4-6 and one for grades 6-8). Please make as many copies as you need and distribute to your club members. I hope your students have fun and learn something by competing in the contest. Each student who participates will be recognized and each school that participates will have at least one winner. Winners will be announced in the SCJAS and SCAS newsletters and the SCAS Bulletin in April of 2006. The deadline for entry is **Wednesday, March 1, 2006**. The authors of the 2006 contest includes faculty and staff from Francis Marion University and is coordinated by Dr. David Stroup, Dr. Tom Roop, Dr. Larry McCumber, Dr. Tim Shannon and Ms. Angela Cantey.

The South Carolina Academy of Science Annual Meeting is **Friday, March 10, 2006**, at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina.

Announcement: Please let your students know that they can prepare a research paper or science project, and present a 10 minute oral presentation in the Middle/Elementary School category at the SCAS Annual Meeting. Monetary awards will be issued to the top five to ten oral presentations. The deadline for abstracts is **January 11, 2006**. Send abstracts to: Peter M. Fichte, Ph.D., Judging Coordinator / Coker College / 300 East College Avenue / Mailstop 1246 / Hartsville, SC 29550-3797 / PHONE: (843) 383-8089 / FAX: (843) 383-8048 / e-mail: pfichte@pascal.coker.edu

The SCAS Trust Fund Donors and the State Legislature sponsor this category. We also encourage MESAS students to participate in their regional science fair in March of 2006. Check with your regional science fair director whose address can be found on the web at www.scacadsci.org for specific dates. The Region II Science & Engineering Fair is **Friday, March 31, 2006 at USC**.

If you have questions please call me at 803-777-7007 or contact the SCAS Office at (803) 777-8759

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Sincerely,

Don Jordan, USC

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- MESAS Young Research Grants-in-Aid proposals, sponsored by SCAS, are accepted year round. Awards range from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Contact: Dr. Don Jordan, USC or your MESAS Director.