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**CT STEM FOUNDATION TO HOST ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR WITH 250+ STUDENTS;
WILTON BASED ASML TO BE HONORED WITH PAUL HEILMAN AWARD FOR STEM ENGAGEMENT**

What: This Saturday, hundreds of Connecticut students from across the state will come together in a celebration of science, technology, engineering, and math. The students will exhibit original research, experiments, and other projects for a panel of local judges, competing for a chance to win a scholarship to cover college expenses. The event has grown over the last decade from 11 students presenting in someone's garage to attracting more than 250 participants from the whole of Connecticut.

Awards will be given across Behavioral Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Health and Medicine, Physical Sciences, and Team projects. Each category has 4 place winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th). This totals to 20 awards but for each of these categories, students are evaluated separately for completed projects and research proposals, so 40 awards are given to students. Over \$8,000.00 are awarded to students.

Projects topics range cancer research and genetics to soil studies and sinkhole detection.

Michael Opuszynsky is the President and Chair of the CT STEM Foundation board and the Group Lead of the Hardware and Test Center for ASML. ASML is a company at the forefront of technical innovation for the semiconductor industry and has a longstanding relationship with the state of Connecticut supporting STEM education and creating opportunities for students. ASML is one of the largest high-tech employers in the region with more than 1,200 current employees.

ASML and Michael deeply understand the need to create a larger and more diverse STEM workforce, which is part of why they support this critical organization.



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When: **Saturday, February 8th**
12:00pm - 1:30pm
Full agenda can be found on [CT STEM Foundation website](#)

Where: **Joel Barlow High School**
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Redding, CT 06896

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