

Dow Sponsors National You Be The Chemist Competition

MIDLAND, Mich., Jun. 21 /CSRwire/ - Students from all over the United States are heading to the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia, Pa., on June 24, 2013, to see if they can earn the title of champion during the national You Be The Chemist Challenge® (Challenge) – a question-and-answer academic competition for students in grades 5-8. The Dow Chemical Company (NYSE: DOW) is a premier sponsor of the Challenge, a program of the Chemical Educational Foundation (CEF).

The Challenge engages thousands of middle school students in learning chemistry concepts and chemical safety awareness. It also serves as a way for the chemical industry to bring science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) opportunities to schools and organizations in the community.

“As a Diamond Sponsor of You Be The Chemist (YBTC) programs, Dow understands the pivotal role that science education plays in the future of the United States chemical industry,” said Rob Vallentine, director of STEM Education for Dow. “Through its commitment to supporting programs like YBTC, Dow aims to enhance learning for our nation’s youth, open students’ eyes to the possibilities of science, and enable students to realize their potential as the leaders of tomorrow,” he added.

The national Challenge is the culmination of smaller local and state Challenges held nationwide throughout the school year. Twenty-seven students, one from each participating state and the District of Columbia, earned the right to advance to the national competition. Dow also sponsored local and state competitions in Delaware, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Texas. The top four participants will receive scholarships for future educational use.

For more information about Dow’s commitment to education go to www.dow.com/education or visit www.chemed.org/ybtc for details about the challenge.

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