

## Amazon and Cabot Corporation To Sponsor Massachusetts Science & Engineering Fairs

### NEWS RELEASE

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Cambridge, MA ---The 2023 Massachusetts Science & Engineering Fair (MSEF) is delighted to announce this year's named title sponsors: Amazon for the High School Fair and Cabot Corporation for the Middle School Fair. The events will take place May 5 and May 20, 2023.

"The Massachusetts Science & Engineering Fairs have a long and rich history, and we are thrilled to have Amazon and Cabot Corporation as our named sponsors for this year's events. Their investment in the science and engineering fairs is an investment in our students and our teachers, and it brings greater visibility to the importance of independent research in STEM starting at the middle school level," said MSEF Executive Director Helen Rosenfeld.

Participating students represent more than 70 Massachusetts public and private schools across the Commonwealth. They exhibit the "best of the best" of research and innovation projects across scientific and engineering disciplines at a series of regional fairs leading up to the State Fair. Through independent research and design projects, students learn more deeply through doing and discovery, a process that enables them to think like scientists and engineers, using real-world professional practices.

At the State Fairs, students present their research, completed throughout the year, and are assessed by teams of volunteer judges - STEM professionals from industry and academia, who review each presentation and discuss the research and design work with the students. Winning projects are eligible for monetary awards, patent awards, college scholarships, research internships and other prizes. Major prizes are generously supported by companies such as Sanofi Specialty Care, MathWorks, National Grid, Eversource, and Fish & Richardson, among others.

"As we emerge from three years that presented students with numerous educational challenges, we are so gratified by their sustained commitment to the science fair process and the underlying independent research that animates these projects," said Rosenfeld. "I'm consistently impressed with the ingenuity, dedication and talent of all participating students."

"At Amazon, we're proud to invest in STEM and computer science opportunities. And we are committed to supporting the next generation of innovators and big thinkers as they build their bright futures right here in Massachusetts," said Scott Dresser, VP of Amazon Robotics. "We can't wait to see what these hard-working and curious high schoolers create at the Massachusetts Science & Engineering Fair in May."

"Cabot Corporation has been a proud sponsor of MSEF for over 35 years. Partnering with the MSEF is a natural extension of our efforts to advance STEM education and encourage students to pursue the sciences and explore its career opportunities," said Sean Keohane, president and chief executive officer, Cabot Corporation. "We believe that early exposure to STEM not only helps to grow and develop the next generation of scientists and engineers but gets them interested in future careers in vital STEM



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fields. Through our involvement with MSEF, it is clear that our future is bright when students like these have a passion to solve critical problems to help create a more sustainable future.”

The State High School Fair will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> at MIT and the State Middle School Fair will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Worcester Technical High School. Over 500 volunteer judges from industry and academia will be involved with these events.

### **About Massachusetts Science & Engineering Fair**

We develop future thought leaders through experiences in science and engineering practices using well-proven programs and novel approaches that empower students and educators to learn in and beyond the classroom. We see a future where every student is empowered through learning in science and engineering practices.

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