**ADVANCED LEVEL RESEARCH PROJECT**

Dear students, as you know getting accepted into and Ivy League or top college in the U.S. is challenging. Besides high SAT, ACT, and GPA scores students have higher chances to be taken into consideration if they have a special skill or certificates and awards from science fairs or robotics in a city, state , or nation competitions. For this reason we will start a mentorship program for different science competitions. Participating in these events will give you an insight on the major of your interest and will make your college application process more successful. Please carefully read the conditions below and choose an appropriate area of study. Once you have made a selection we will reach out to colleges, companies and institutions to find the right mentor for you to work on yearlong advanced research projects.

 **The following two contest paths will be our targets.**

Harmony Austin (Cluster wide science fair) Austin Energy regional science festival

H-SEF (Harmony Science & Engineering Fair) ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering fair

* JSSE in Hong Kong INTEL International Science and Engineering fair
* INESPO in Netherlands
* MOSTRATEC in Brazil The White House Science Fair (President Obama
* I-SWEEEP in the U.S. tours the white house science fair exhibit and

 Gives medals of the winners)

As you can see the preparation for those contests requires a lot of dedication. If you will have the availability to meet & work with your mentor fill the application process of each contest. Then take time to join the contests and chose three categories by giving numbers 1, 2 & 3 (1 is top choice) from the back page and have your parent to sign and return to Mrs. Kozlova (room 111). If your parent’s background major matches any of these categories and he/she is willing to be your mentor please let me know. We will meet with your parents, and discuss all details of your future project, and our plans regarding the contest procedures.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kozlova (GATE Coordinator/Teacher & Project Coordinator): ykozlova@harmonytx.org

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