



Greetings to the Friends of the  
Connecticut Science Fair  
and the Science Horizons Science Fair.



We have arrived at the 2009 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair or, ISEF, as the competitors call it. We are gathering with 1563 amazingly talented high school from around the world eager to describe their research achievements.

### ISEF Stats

- 855 of the 1,563 finalists are male
- 708 are female
- 495 are freshman or sophomores
- 144 of the 1,225 projects are in Medicine and Health
- 138 are in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- 120 are in Energy and Transportation



After a six and a half hour plane ride, we were all more than happy to arrive at the Atlantis Casino Spa and Resort. We checked in and enjoyed dinner at the Manhattan Deli before heading to our rooms to unpack. Afterwards, we all headed over to the convention center to register for the fair and check for project violations. Unfortunately, my project was the only one with a violation. I arrived at my designated spot to find a red letter that directed me to schedule a meeting with the project review committee in room A-19. Slightly frightened, I made my way to the room and was quickly put before the committee. Mr. Wisner had all of my papers and my violation ended up being a problem with the clarity of my abstract. A mere three words was all I needed get the thumbs up and be approved for project set-up. After this, we all went to the pin exchange where we traded pins with ISEF finalists from around the world.

