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Dear Respected Educator,

The College of Education and Human Development at the University of Louisville, in conjunction with the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and the United States Armed Forces, is pleased to sponsor the 2020 Kentucky Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS). **The program supports and recognizes high school students who engage in original scientific research.** At the regional symposium, students present their work in a professional conference-style setting and compete for scholarships and recognition. The top 5 students will earn the opportunity to attend and present their work at the National Symposium held in Norfolk, VA April 15th-18, 2020. All expenses are provided for top-5 finalists.

Kentucky JSHS will take place at the University of Louisville on Friday, February 21st- Saturday, February 22nd, 2020. There is no cost to apply or to participate!

*To assist with planning, we ask that students interested in participating **complete an Intent to Submit Form** (<https://forms.gle/bOa4qT3rqmBqeFfh7>) by December 20th, 2019. (Note: this is a short form, if students intend to submit for presentation, they must complete to receive the application link!)*

Students should prepare their research projects as per the JSHS guidelines. Guidelines can be found on the JSHS website at <http://www.jshs.org/guidelines.html>. **Final papers need to be submitted for review by January 20th, 2020.** A panel of university faculty and industry representatives will review the research papers and determine papers to participate in the KY JSHS regional symposium. **Selected students will have their registration and meals provided by the conference.** In the case of teachers/students traveling long distances, the conference will also pay for one night in a hotel. All travel to/from Louisville is the responsibility of the students and/or school districts.

This is a wonderful opportunity for KY students to gain academic presentation experience within a welcoming environment. Any papers not presenting will be invited to present a poster in an open-forum session. ***We hope that you will encourage your students to participate in this exciting event.*** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Symposium organizer(s). Please pass this information along to other interested colleagues-we hope to expand this opportunity to all KY students!

Sincerely,

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