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Chancellor Announces FY 2009 STEM and Foreign Language Academies

COLUMBUS---Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut today announced awards to eight Regents STEM and Foreign Language Academies for FY 2009. The academies recruit eleventh and twelfth grade students, particularly those who currently may not aspire to attend college or to study careers in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEM) fields, and place them into intensive college level classes at no cost to the student.

“Both students and the State of Ohio greatly benefit from students earning college credit in these targeted programs,” said Chancellor Fingerhut. “Ohio needs college graduates with foreign language skills prepared for the demands and challenges of today’s globalized economy. Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics represent further critical areas of need for the economy. Increasing the production of these high demand degrees is also a top priority of the state’s business community.”

Together, the first two years of the program made it possible for more than 800 students at public or chartered non-public schools to earn dual high school and college credit in the STEM fields. This year, the Academies are set to serve more than 300 additional students, as well as offer three new programs.

Winning projects are selected by a competitive, two-step review process that solicits proposals from partnerships of community colleges and universities – both public and private – and encourages collaboration and on-going interactions between K-12 and higher education. The proposals are expected to demonstrate excellence in engaging student learners through a strategic investment of funds.

The following Regents STEM and Foreign Language Academies were awarded by Chancellor Fingerhut for FY 2009:

2009 Regents STEM and Foreign Language Academies

Foreign Language Regents’ Chinese Academy: Using Technology to Deliver Foreign Language Instruction

Partners: Ohio State University, Washington State Community College, and Miami University

Contact: Dr. Diane Birckbichler, Ohio State University, 614-292-4361, birckbichler.1@osu.edu

The Fenn Academy Pathways to Engineering: Making a Difference in Your Community (new for FY 09)

Partners: Cleveland State University, West Shore Career and Technical District, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, and Cleveland Engineering Society

Contact: Dr. Majid Rashidi, Cleveland State University, 216-687-2575, m.rashidi@csuohio.edu

Igniting Streams of Learning in Science: Supporting and Enhancing STEM Careers While Fostering Effective Science Education Reform

Partners: Hiram College, Kent State University, University of Akron

Contact: Dr. Dennis Taylor, Hiram College, 330-569-5267, taylordj@hiram.edu

Emerging Technologies and Language Academy (new for FY 09)

Partners: Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Greater Cincinnati Tech Prep, Cincinnati Public Schools, Loveland, Sycamore, Hamilton City and US Grant Career Technical Planning District

Contact: Dr. Monica Posey, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, 513-569-1230, monica.posey@cincinnatiastate.edu

My Space, Our World: Problem-Based Learning Communities in Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, and Russian

Partners: Kent State University, Cleveland State University, University of Akron, Oberlin College, Summit County Educational Services Center

Contact: Dr. Brian Baer, Kent State University, 330-672-1798, bbaer@kent.edu

CSI: College Science Investigation – A Forensics Academy

Partners: Baldwin-Wallace College, Cleveland State University

Contact: Dr. Karen Kaye, Baldwin-Wallace College, 440-826-2164, kkaye@bw.edu

Dayton Regional Summer STEM Academy (new for FY 09)

Partners: Wright State University, Clark State Community College and Sinclair Community College

Contact: Brenda Dewberry, Wright State University, 937-775-3135,

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Southern Ohio Youth Regents STEM and Foreign Language Academy

Partners: Shawnee State University, University of Rio Grande, and Ohio University Southern

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