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DISCOVERY EDUCATION 3M YOUNG SCIENTIST CHALLENGE
ANNOUNCES TOP 10 FINALISTS

Students Will Compete in New York City for \$50,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds and Title of 'America's Top Young Scientist'

Danny Forster of Science Channel's Build it Bigger to host finalist competition

Silver Spring, Md. & St. Paul, Minn. (Aug. 10, 2010) – Today, [Discovery Education](#) and [3M](#) announced 10 students from across the country as the top finalists in the 12th annual [Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge](#).

Each finalist will be awarded an all-expense paid trip to New York City to participate in the competition finals, emceed by Danny Forster, host of Science Channel's *Build it Bigger*, on Oct. 5, 2010. During this competition, students will demonstrate scientific innovation, creativity and communication skills in a series of individual challenges related to the science of safety and security. The winner will receive \$50,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds (\$25,000 cash value), the title of "America's Top Young Scientist," and a trip to St. Paul, Minn., to work alongside 3M's top scientists at their world headquarters and visit the 3M Innovation Center.

Discovery Education and 3M are proud to announce the following 10 finalists (in alphabetical order)*:

- Riya Chandra, Fremont, Calif., Mission San Jose Elementary School
- Sydney Clark, Austin, Texas, Clark Academy of Science and Art (homeschool)
- Sehee Kim, Cumming, Ga., Piney Grove Middle School
- Kai Klocke, Portland, Ore., Cedar Park Middle School
- Alexander Mataloni, Fairfax Station, Va., South County Secondary School
- Liam McCarty, Elm Grove, Wis., Brookfield Academy
- Liam O'Brien, Unionville, Conn., West Woods Upper Elementary School
- Raj Raina, Novi, Mich., Novi Middle School
- Christopher Riedman, Bismarck, N.D., (homeschool)
- Matthew Shimura, Honolulu, Hawaii, Punahou School

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“The Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge emphasizes our company’s 25-year commitment to science education,” said David Zaslav, president and CEO, [Discovery Communications](#). “The finalists exemplify their generation’s potential to advance science, and Discovery is proud to partner with 3M in saluting these young minds.”

Robert MacDonald, president, 3M Foundation, added, “Science is at the very heart of 3M, driving the pulse of innovation throughout our company on a global basis. We have a responsibility to foster interest and development in the innovators of our future, and our partnership with Discovery provides the ideal platform for students to demonstrate just how exciting the journey of learning can be.”

As the nation’s premier science competition for middle school students, the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge targets students in the years when research indicates their interest in science begins to fade and encourages them to explore scientific concepts and creatively communicate their findings. In January, students nationwide were asked to create a short video explaining the science behind issues millions of Americans face in everyday life, including preventing the spread of germs, ensuring food safety and sun protection. Last month, 47 semifinalists were selected based on their science communication skills exhibited in their videos. For more information on the challenge, including photos and ages of the 10 finalists, go to www.youngscientistchallenge.com.

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*Schools listed are from time of competition entry.

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