

Teens to Participate in Design Competition

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More than 700 middle- and high-school students from throughout the state will merge on The University of Arizona campus on Saturday, April 2, for the 14th Annual MESA Day.

MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) Day, the capstone event of Arizona MESA, includes 10 competitions for student participants, including testing balsa wood bridges, building groundwater flow models and cargo bottle rockets, and designing windmills and multipurpose vehicles.

Each of the competitions and their specifications are designed and judged by University volunteers and industry professionals in collaboration with MESA program coordinators.

The competition events focus on integrated learning, requiring students to articulate their research and experimentation process through public speaking, writing and testing. The competition introduces students to elements of academic and professional work, including teamwork, the scientific method, scholarly research, competition and sportsmanship, and project management.

MESA is a college-preparation program that strives to increase the number of ethnic minority, low-income, and first-generation college-bound students who are eligible to enter a degree program at a university. MESA achieves this goal by promoting a strong foundation in mathematics and science as the key to college admission and success.

NOTE

MESA Day

Date/Time

Saturday, April 2
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location

University of Arizona
Student Union Memorial Center
Grand Ballroom

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