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Scientists of Tomorrow Compete at the Carver Science Fair

Philadelphia – The Carver Science Fair will be held on Tuesday, February 27 and March 6 starting at 1 p.m. The award ceremonies will be held on March 1 and March 9. The George Washington Carver Science Fair pays tribute to the late Dr. George Washington Carver, who was the director and noted scientist of the George Washington Carver Agricultural and Research Center at Tuskegee Institute, which is located in Tuskegee, Alabama. He was also an inventor, sculptor, musician, and a great humanitarian.

This year, the *George Washington Carver Award* will be presented to Paul Vallas, CEO of the School District of Philadelphia, on March 9. “We are honored to be presenting this award to Mr. Vallas for his commitment and assistance in supporting Science Education in the Schools of Philadelphia and for his support of the George Washington Carver Science Fair,” said Carver Chairperson Tom Anderson.

Each year, only the winning students from individual school science fairs move on to participate in the Carver Science Fair. The thousands of students wishing to participate in the Carver Science Fair reflect the cultural and economic diversity that contributes to the richness that is Philadelphia.

The bringing together of the students with their very creative science projects, thousands of parents and teachers, and hundreds of judges, enable the George Washington Carver Science Fair to be the largest in Philadelphia County.

George Washington Carver devoted his life to research science projects connected primarily with agriculture, mainly peanuts and soybeans. In keeping with its philosophy, The George Washington Carver Science Fair provides opportunities for students to gain enriched learning experiences through scientific inquiry and discovery. The Science Fair also provides an important forum for individual creativity and recognition for students in the Philadelphia County public, parochial, and private schools.

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