

# VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR



a major annual event for  
young scientists and engineers  
in Grades 4 to 12,  
since 1962!

organized by **SAYS**  
the **SOCIETY** for the **ADVANCEMENT**  
of **YOUNG SCIENTISTS**

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**SAYS, The Society for the Advancement of Young Scientists** is a non-profit society which organizes the Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair. Our members are youth advocates from government, academia, schools and businesses.

**The Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair** is one of fourteen regional science fairs run throughout British Columbia with the support of volunteers, local donors and the Science Fair Foundation BC. We are members of Youth Science Canada. The University of Victoria hosts the Vancouver Island Regional Fair each April. Professionals, faculty and graduate students contribute their time to meet, judge and entertain the exhibitors

## The Canada-Wide Science Fair

We have been sending a team to the Canada-Wide Science Fair every year since it was founded in 1962! The top projects in Grades 7 to 12 represent our region at the national fair. We send up to 7 students, depending on funding. They join 500 other students for a week of exhibits and science education.



## Help these young people discover the world of science and engineering.

We rely on donations and volunteers to make the Science Fair the great event that it is.

### How can you help?

- join SAYS, help run the Fair or be a Judge;
- donate to send students to Canada-Wide Science Fair; and,
- sponsor a cash prize or donate merchandise.

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# Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair: Helping students choose Science / Technology Careers

1977 - John Blenkinsopp - *The science fair instilled a sense of inquiry in me that is still alive today. I started out in pure research and then moved into applied practice in healthcare. Science fairs helped ingrain a spirit of continual learning.*



1993 - Verity Hoskins-Lopez - *I never considered that science was something I was particularly good at. However, finding success at the science fair made me re-think some of the limits I had placed upon myself and my abilities. The fact that I had managed to produce something that elicited the approval of actual scientists was a newflash to me: I could do anything I put my mind to.*

1994/1996 Harmeet Chhina - *I currently work as a Senior Research Scientist at Automotive Fuel Cell Co-operation (a joint research company between Daimler, Ford and Ballard). I often talk about my science fair experiences and how inspiring it was, not only to enter the fair but to actually win and get some great experiences.*



2001/2002 - Yichuan Wang - *Congratulations VIRSF on your 50th birthday! VIRSF provided an excellent opportunity for my peers and me to embark on a self-directed adventure to solve a problem of interest and importance through thorough investigation. Receiving critical feedback and encouragement from our judges helped us to improve and motivated us to continue to pursue our passion for research and problem-solving.*

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