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### **Plano ISD Students Named 'U.S. Science STARS' in Siemens Competition**

Plano ISD is excited to announce the accomplishments of two students who have been honored as U.S. Science STARS through the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology, held November 30-December 3 in New York City.

- **Alexander Huang - Plano Senior High School** competed as an individual, with his project "Mathematical Modeling of a Eukaryotic Circadian Clock." Alex placed sixth to receive a \$10,000 award.
- **John Chen - Plano East Senior High School** competed on a team with student Camden Miller from Allen High School. Their project is titled "Nitric Oxide from Electrospun Biodegradable Fibers." This dynamic duo placed third for their team project, splitting a \$40,000 prize.

Linda Flack, Plano ISD secondary science coordinator, reported that, students competed against their peers from across the United States in the annual Siemens competition.

"Alex and John were selected among 300 Semifinalists, advancing to the regional finals held in Austin. From there, they were selected among six team projects and six individual projects to attend the national event in New York."

Ms. Flack noted that, both students can be seen presenting their project to judges on the Web site below. Click on their names to view their presentations.

"It is quite impressive and fun!," said Ms. Flack. "This is a tremendous accomplishment and recognition for these student."

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