

IMSA FUSION *Quarterly Program Updates* are designed to inform you of important FUSION news, information and deadlines. Please read these updates and contact our team if you have any questions!

## **IMSA FUSION Program Continuation for Partner Schools**

We hope to continue the FUSION program in your school! Current FUSION partner schools that would like to continue with the IMSA FUSION program for 2012-13, will need to submit a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and payment of fees (\$800) by June 1, 2012. Re-enrollment information and 2012-13 MoU's can be found at:

<https://www3.imsa.edu/programs/fusion/currentenroll>

Schools/districts running two or more programs can contact Jami Breslin at [jbreslin@imsa.edu](mailto:jbreslin@imsa.edu) or 630/907-5016 for discounted fees.

## **The FUSION W.A.L.L.**

Attached you will find the spring version of our FUSION W.A.L.L. which brings you up-to-date grant opportunities for K-12 teachers focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). This resource offers information on awards, fundraisers, professional development opportunities, field trips and even "freebies". The W.A.L.L. is also located on our website for your reference: <https://www3.imsa.edu/programs/fusion/whatsnew>. Please let us know how we can support you in any of these, or other, grant opportunities to help your FUSION program!

## **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Research and Career Webinars**

Mark your calendars for *ONE remaining* interactive online STEM Career Webinar through CoolHub.IMSA, a collaborative network to fast forward innovation in STEM teaching and learning. Meet real scientists and learn about exciting research and work being done today!

***Our final webinar will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2012  
3:00 PM to 4:15 PM***

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## **Congratulations to our Problem of the Month Winners!**

December 4-5th grade winner: Aaron Vazquez from Komarek School in North Riverside

December 6-8th grade winner: Jocelyne Alcantara from Cowherd Middle School in East Aurora

January 4-5th grade winner: Mia Brown from Emily G. Johns School in Plano

January 6-8th grade winner: Elizabeth Cook from Forest Trail Middle School in Park Forest

February 4-5th grade winner: Nicholas Alt from Earl Hanson Elementary School in Rock Island

February 6-8th grade winner: Joy Asiegbu from Heritage Middle School in Lansing

## **IMSA FUSION POP WORKSHOPS: Mark your calendars now!**

*All FUSION teachers will need to attend ONE POP Workshop for 2012-13. These workshops will be held:*

***Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at IMSA***

***Thursday, June 21, 2012 in Springfield***

***Thursday, June 26, 2012 at IMSA***

*A very special thank you to those of you that submitted POP presentation proposals! We will notify you of your workshop's acceptance in early April. We are excited to bring new breakout sessions to the POP Workshop format again this year, and are looking forward to some outstanding teacher-led sessions!*

## **IMSA FUSION Surveys and Site Performance**

This past year, IMSA transitioned to new state of Illinois procurement policies. We've done our best to continue to deliver the FUSION program to the best of our ability, despite fiscal constraints with purchasing and contracting. One contract that has been severely delayed allows us to do FUSION research, evaluation and site performance reviews. We are nearly ready to begin working with a new external research team to help us get back on track with this important work. Please be patient with us, as online surveys will be deployed to students, teachers, parents and principals VERY SOON, but later than we'd like. Turnaround will be quick. We truly appreciate your patience and ongoing support of FUSION!

## **Urbana Middle School**

Urbana Middle School is new FUSION school that has hit the ground running with technology. Get to know this amazing group of teachers and students in their STEM blog and see how they've showcased their program! <http://umshw.usd116.org/users/imsafusion/>

***Please REMEMBER, we NEED video clips and photos of your FUSION programs. Provide these directly to Amanda Lee [amlee@imsa.edu](mailto:amlee@imsa.edu) OR to your site support specialist!***

## ***News from the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy...***

***\*\*The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy is celebrating 25 years! Learn more about this amazing milestone at <http://www.imsa25.com/>.***

***\*\*Summer Teaching Opportunities with IMSA!***

Can't get enough of IMSA?

IMSA's Professional Field Services is seeking teachers to become instructors in our summer enrichment programs. We are building a team of self-directed individuals to facilitate our regional Kidplorations in Energy week-long, day programs for students entering grades 5-7. These positions are paid and are available to local teachers who live in the three designated program areas: Chicago, East Moline and Belleville. Teachers will be provided with professional development, all curricular materials and lab equipment.

For more information, please contact Tracy Miller, Program Director for Statewide Student Initiatives ([tmiller@imsa.edu](mailto:tmiller@imsa.edu) or 630-907-5950) or visit *Employment at IMSA* [www.imsa.edu](http://www.imsa.edu) with questions on these opportunities and other possibilities with IMSA this summer.

We are currently registering students for these programs and accepting financial need-based scholarship applications. If your FUSION students are interested, please direct them to [www.imsa.edu](http://www.imsa.edu) and have them click on *Discover the Possibilities*.

**Thank you for all you do to ignite and nurture the talents of our FUSION students across Illinois!**

**The IMSA FUSION Team**

