

# Student Mentoring Program ~ Judge Survey

2008 - 2009 School Year

Please help improve the Student Mentoring Program by answering the following questions. Your answers will remain confidential and will never be connected with your name or teams you evaluated. Please answer all the questions as completely and as honestly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

**1. Please enter your First Name.**

**2. Please enter your Last Name.**

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**RESPONDING 11 Out of 20**

**3. This is the first year we have provided Judges web links, via email, to all pertinent information before the Orientation. Did you find this method;**

Excellent process (1)

Helpful (9)

Confusing (0)

Unable to use (1)

**RESPONDING 11**

**4. If you were able to attend the Orientation, was the session;**

Clear (3)

Adequate (2)

Incomplete (0)

Confusing (0)

**RESPONDING 5**

**5. If you were NOT able to attend the Orientation, were the "Power Point Presentation" and "Judges Information Package" provided by email**

Clear (3)

Adequate (4)

Incomplete (0)

Confusing (0)

**RESPONDING 7**

**6. Was the time given to review the reports;**

Too long (0)

Too short (0)

OK (10)

**RESPONDING 10**

**7. Were your instructions for evaluating the reports and the presentations;**

Clear (10)

Incomplete (0)

Confusing (0)

**RESPONDING 10**

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## 8. Were the forms used for the evaluations;

Easy to use	(6)
Adequate	(6)
Confusing	(0)
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## 9. Were the room accommodations;

Good	(10)
Adequate	(1)
Inadequate	(0)
<b>RESPONDING</b>	<b>11</b>

## 10. Rate Competition Event

	Average rank
On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being excellent, how do you rate the Competition Event?	1.4
<b>RESPONDING</b>	<b>11</b>

## 11. Would you participate again if asked?

Yes	(10)
No	(0)
Call me	(1)
<b>RESPONDING</b>	<b>11</b>

## 12. Please give us your overall suggestions, comments, criticisms.

#	Response
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1	Everything went well. Keep it up.
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1	I continue to like the gold/silver recognition. I feel this gives teams a real good feeling for what they did well and what needs improvement. I would like to see their report content weighted heavier in the overall rating. This is probably the most important element of any proposal, and weighting it heavier may encourage teams to work harder on this. I know that students, particularly middle school students, get focused on models and the presentation at the expense of the report. In four of the six projects I judged, the presentation contained far more information than the report. If the report would have been more complete the team would have fared much better. I was not a judge for the high school division, so I can't really comment on the quality of the presentations. However, based on reports and talking to the students I was surprised by the ratings (gold/silver), and the overall winner. <b>(report content weighted heavier) We feel that the current valuation given to the report content is satisfactory. (surprised by the ratings) Considering that each group of judges for each team is different, a bias among the judges does not seem likely. We can only assume that conversations with students will always produce a prejudice.</b>
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1 I did not evaluate the proposals, as I was filling in for the presentation portion of the judging, but I did read through them. One requirement that you might consider adding for the proposals is design analysis backup, for the high school teams at least. There was obviously a lot of calculations that went into some of the proposals and I think this should maybe be part of the criteria. Many of the teams stem from "engineering" classes or clubs and providing this type of backup is certainly something that is required in the engineering profession. I enjoyed being a judge and I think it's a great program that I hope to see continue.

**(consider adding for the proposals) The teams may add this in the Appendix if they desire. However, as far as being part of the criteria, even reports by design professionals do not normally contain their calculations.**

1 I have new respect for our youth after attending the competition

1 The event went smooth this year. The Board Room was not set up properly in advance, but we managed to get things shifted around prior to the first presentation.

1 You all do a wonderful job of exposing Omaha students to the A&E field!

**6 RESPONDING**

**Thank you all for volunteering your talents, your time, and your responses to this survey. Your efforts do make a difference to the students and to the future of our country.**