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Dear Colleague:

A new Student Days component will complement this year's SC2002 Conference! Sponsored by IEEE Computer Society and ACM. SC2002, Student Days is scheduled for November 21-22 at the Baltimore Maryland Convention Center.

The SC2002 Student Days will host more than 60 undergraduate and graduate students who will learn about career opportunities in education, research, and industry. Employer and government research internships as well as professional mentoring programs will be featured. Discover tips from experts on interviewing techniques, preparing for the computerized GREs and applying for graduate school, scholarships, fellowships and more. Access to SC2002 is free to students during Student Days -- including free noon meals.

SC2002's theme is TERABYTES TO INSIGHTS. Participants from around the globe will gather to showcase new developments in information architectures, scalable computing, data analysis, applications, and collaborative technologies. But beyond the cool exhibits, the faster- than-lightning computer systems, and the eye-popping simulations, SC2002 will provide a vision of the changes that will impact our lives and our world in the years to come.

Register for SC2002 Student Days via the conference website at <http://www.sc-conference.org/sc2002/education>. Further information on each activity, described below, is also available.

* **Tips for a Successful Interview:** Presented by technical recruiters, this seminar covers drafting objectives, interview goals, desired skills, strategies, types of interviews, common questions.

* **Fellowship and Scholarship Panel:** Members of fellowship and scholarship committees share advice on what distinguishes applicants for award. Suggestions on selecting and applying for fellowships and scholarships are included.

* **GRE Preparation:** Sponsored by Kaplan, Inc., students learn how to improve GRE scores. Participants receive detailed personal feedback in the GRE strategy session.

* Graduate School Myths: The director of the Science Student Diversity Programs in the Dean of the College of Letters & Science office, University of California, Berkeley, will discuss the myths associated with applying for and getting into graduate school.

* Young Researchers Panel: A panel of young researchers answers questions about their research achievements and the career pathway that leads to research science. All members of this panel are conference attendees and exhibitors.

* Internships, Employment and Graduate Research Opportunities: Employers and university personnel present opportunities for internships, employment and graduate research at their respective universities and private sector companies.

* Graduate Admission: Chairpersons and deans from Baltimore/Washington DC universities who participate on the selection committees of graduate programs discuss the graduate application process.

* Mentoring Panel: A mentoring program is a dynamic professional development program. Learn how to find a mentor; the difference between a formal versus an informal mentoring program; when to accept advice from a mentor rather than acting on instinct.

We are now accepting applications to participate in SC2002 Student Days. Participating students will have their noontime meals covered and the two-day registration fee waived. Travel expenses and lodging are the student's responsibility. Space is available for the student events on a first-come first-served basis; a waiting list will be established. Spaces reserved for student volunteers that are not taken will be released by early November; students on the waiting list are eligible for these slots.

The goal is for students to gain a much better understanding of high performance computing and the opportunities for future employment, internships, and research in industry and in academia. Interested students are encouraged to apply at the registration website: <http://www.sc-conference.org/sc2002/education>. Please forward this to students and faculty in other departments and disciplines and post on bulletin boards. PDF copies can be downloaded from the SC2002 Education website or requested from Barry Goldman.

If you want to submit input or volunteer names to participate on panels during the SC2002 Student Days, feel free to contact Barry Goldman at (925) 422-5177 or goldman1@llnl.gov. We are very excited about this new component to the SC2002 program. We are looking forward to hosting SC2002 Student Days and thank you in advance for your assistance to help make this new effort a success.

SC2002 Education Student Days Organizational Committee