AU joins TRSEF in hosting Family Science and Engineering Adventure 1/06/09

The Alfred University College of Ceramics and the Tri Region Science and Engineering Fair (TRSEF) will host a Family Science Adventure on Saturday Jan. 17 from 1-4 p.m. in Harder Hall on the AU campus. The event is free and open to the public. It will consist of a three-hour workshop with hands-on activities for students in grades five-12 and families. There will be a science or engineering mini-project and a portable planetarium. More information about the new Regional Science Fair will be available as well as "Fair Awards" for participants. Topics that will be covered include: aerodynamics, applied mechanics, biotechnology, chemistry, civil engineering, geometry, health science, materials engineering, mathematics, physics, plant biology, sports science, and zoology. TRSEF Director Mary Eileen Wood notes, "This Adventure comes to Allegany County a second time because of the waiting list for our November event. The enthusiasm and commitment we saw then clearly demonstrate the importance of providing every interested family with this opportunity to celebrate the curiosity of young people about our world."The TRSEF, founded in 1950, serves the "orphaned counties" of Upstate New York that had no regional access to the International Science and Engineering Fair sponsored by Intel. The TRSEF engages young people in the discovery of science and technology. It is affordable for parents, youth organizations, and school districts in Western New York, the North Country and the Southern Tier. TRSEF's partner fair, the Greater Syracuse Scholastic Science Fair (GSSSF), has served Central New York since 1980; the two fairs share Fair Day venue and operations. To register and for more information e-mail Wood at <u>trsef@verizon.net</u> or call the AU College of Ceramics at 607.871.2767. Registration is limited to 70 people on a first come, first served basis.