Dear Conference Attendees, Parents, and Teachers,

It’s been a whirlwind of a year, but despite everything else we are incredibly excited to announce Cornell University’s 34th Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Conference! Since its inception, EYH at Cornell has worked to engage, excite, and inspire young scientists through creative programming and a welcoming community. We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm for our Virtual EYH last spring and have already been hard at work building an even better event for this year, with new hands-on activities, synchronous and asynchronous options, and more opportunities to meet and connect virtually with young and established scientists. Things will look a little different from previous years, so there are a few things to know:

**2021 Virtual Format.** EYH 2021 will remain a virtual event for the safety of all participants and our communities. This year, we will be hosting a mix of synchronous and asynchronous content to maximize the accessibility of EYH for as many participants as possible. Synchronous events (such as hands-on workshops and live presentations) will also be recorded and posted to our YouTube channel for on-demand viewing. Additional content (such as virtual lab tours or experiment demonstrations) will be posted on YouTube and our website as well.

**Synchronous Interactive Workshops.** Live, interactive workshops will be presented remotely via Zoom throughout several school days in the month of April. We are working directly with educators across NYS and beyond to integrate EYH effectively into classroom curriculum. EYH may be able to provide necessary workshop supplies to teachers or participants who can serve as “distributors” for their local area. Teachers who wish to request supplies for their classrooms will be able to do via the online registration form. Zoom links and meeting passwords for the synchronous content will be available through registration on our website by either teachers or individual participants.

**Asynchronous Content.** Pre-recorded content, including virtual tours of Cornell’s world-class laboratory facilities, will be posted on our website and YouTube channel for on-demand viewing. Recordings of most synchronous content will also be posted for students who are unable to attend live.

**Live Online Conference.** The month of EYH’s virtual content will culminate in an online conference on Saturday, April 24th designed to foster the strong EYH community. It will feature a keynote speaker, panels with professional scientists across a wide variety of fields, and virtual lunchrooms where participants can meet and interact with each other and EYH workshop leaders. Participation in the Virtual EYH Conference will require individual registration on our website.

**Participant Registration.** To keep EYH safe, participation in any Zoom-based content (synchronous activities and the live conference) will require prior registration on our website. For workshops, participants may register individually OR teachers incorporating EYH into their curriculum may register once for the entire class. Registration for the live event on April 24th will be individual.

**Accessibility Support.** EYH is committed to bringing quality programming to as many students as possible, regardless of circumstance. We may be able to supply the materials for interactive workshops to classroom or community groups. If you would like to receive or can help safely distribute workshop supplies to your area, please contact us at eyh@cornell.edu.

The best way to stay up to date with announcements and conference developments is to follow our website, eyh.cornell.edu, and social media accounts: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn. If you have any remaining questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us. As EYH at Cornell continues to evolve, we strive to deliver a high caliber program and inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. We are proud of the event we are able to put on every year, and we hope that you will continue to participate and support our conference in the coming years. We look forward to seeing you this April!

Sincerely,

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