

**California Science Center**  
**CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR**  
Major Fair Awards – 2003

**Dr. & Mrs. Arnold O. Beckman Project of the Year Awards**

\$15,000 in awards: \$10,000 to the Senior Division, \$5,000 to the Junior Division

**Senior Division:** S0612, Allison G. Suarez

Grade 9, Calaveras High School, San Andreas in Calaveras County

Advisor: Ms. Lorraine Angel

Project: Solving the Mystery of the Penn Mine Wetland

**Junior Division:** J1321, Oanh K. Nguyen

Grade 8, Alta Sierra Intermediate School, Clovis in Fresno County

Advisor: Mr. Pete Chilpugian

Project: Varying Concentrations of Ginkgolic Acid

**California State Science Fair Student of the Year**

Vijay Yanamadala

Grade 12, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, Rolling Hills Estates in Los Angeles  
County

Advisor: Mr. Peter Starodub

Project: Eutrophication Control with Ion Exchange Filters and Accelerated Denitrification  
in Fresh Water: Bacterial Analysis

**California State Science Fair Teacher of the Year**

**Junior Division:**

Darrell Steely

Pacific Collegiate Charter School

Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County

**Senior Division:**

Robert Ferazzi

University High School

Irvine, Orange County