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14th Annual National Society of Black Engineers Tech Forum Saturday, February 28

Augusta, GA. – The 14th Annual Technical Forum is a FREE event sponsored by the Augusta Alumni Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). The event takes place Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the National Science Center's Fort Discovery – One Seventh Street, Augusta, 30901. Open to the public, the forum exposes up to 300 area middle and high school students to the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Tech Forum Begins with registration and check-in at 8:00 a.m. The Opening Session follows with **Dr. Glenda R. Scales** featured as the keynote speaker. She serves as both Associate Dean for International Programs and Information Technology and Director of the Commonwealth Graduate Engineering Program (CGEP) in the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech.

Following the opening session, the forum participants are divided into teams. Each team experiences a series of 6 interactive 35 minute workshops. The workshops are designed to familiarize students with basic engineering concepts and computer operations in a hands-on environment.

- **Innovative Video Gaming 101** – Basics of designing video games
- **Racing Pipe Crawlers** – Miniature Robotics
- **Night Vision** – Application of military night vision technology
- **Climbing the Ladders of Electricity** – Basics of electrical circuit design
- **Paper Making** – Science application in making paper
- **Space Science in the New Millennium** – discussion of space technology on the horizon

The students will have the opportunity to explore the **National Geographic MAPS: Tools for Adventure** exhibit on display now at National Science Center's Fort Discovery Knox Gallery. They are also able to participate in the Amazing Sound presentation in the Power Station and tour other exhibits as scheduled.

Bios are attached.

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