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CONFERENCE FOR LGBT & ALLIED STUDENTS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

WASHINGTON, DC (September 14, 2011) – In just over a week, 50 students from around the United States will travel to Washington, DC to participate in a conference hosted by the non-profit organization, *Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (oSTEM)*. The event is oSTEM's first national meeting, and it promises to be altogether unique – with the primary goal of advancing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied students in the STEM fields.

Still in its first year as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, oSTEM has sponsorship from the Alcoa Foundation, Google, and Northrop Grumman, in addition to event support from Microsoft and ThinkGeek. The national oSTEM board will be coordinating programming opportunities throughout the coming year, and they expect the society to expand from 20 to 40 chapters over the next 18 months.

The conference on Friday, September 23rd includes workshops by Suzy Deffeyes of IBM and Robert Carpick from the University of Pennsylvania – and a discussion with emerging LGBT STEM professionals. The evening will conclude with a panel discussion and dinner event, hosted by Google, and the students will spend the remainder of the weekend attending the 7th annual *OUT for Work National Career Conference*.

On-site registration for oSTEM's national meeting starts at 12pm Friday, and all events are happening at the Westin Washington DC City Center (North/South Ashlawn Rooms). Registration to participate in the entire weekend is \$25/person (or \$45/person after September 20th). Anyone interested in attending should email info@ostem.org.

For more information regarding Out in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics, Incorporated, please visit www.ostem.org.

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