



PETE CONRAD SPIRIT OF INNOVATION AWARDS: NEW STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

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The *Pete Conrad Spirit of Innovation Awards* combine education, innovation and entrepreneurship by challenging high school students to design products using science and technology. Teams compete for over \$120,000 of prize money as well as opportunities to connect with leading scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs.

The Conrad Awards are now bringing two exciting new resources to our competitors:

1) **Online Team Profiles** and financing opportunities

All registered teams are provided a team profile page on the competition website as a mechanism to present themselves to the public and raise funds for their team and school. Teams have the opportunity to blog, upload videos, photos, and other information to gain public support.

2) **Live Expert Chat Series**

A series of live chat sessions with our experts will be available to all registered teams beginning in November. This opportunity allows students to interact with our panel of experts in a live internet forum. Students will be able to ask questions in a wide range of science, engineering, and business topics to help gain information to develop their products. The sessions will be open to all, but only registered teams will be able to post questions and participate in the live discussions.

This series will be kicked off by space explorer Anousheh Ansari on November 6th, at 5pm EST. Anousheh is the world's First Female Private Space Explorer and has, along with her family, fostered a new era for commercial space flight. More information on Anousheh can be found at www.anoushehansari.com.

Please visit www.conradawards.org to register your team and get details on participating in these new opportunities.