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**Governor Announces Mississippi Students Selected to Participate in the
National Youth Science Camp**

Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today that Bethany Sabatino and Diana Dunn have been selected as two promising young scientific leaders in Mississippi's 2000 high school graduating class. At the invitation of Governor Cecil Underwood of West Virginia, they will participate as delegates in the 37th session of the National Youth Science Camp held near the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, West Virginia.

Both Sabatino and Dunn are students at the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. Bethany Sabatino is the daughter of Dr. Bruce and Beverly Sabatino of Meridian, Mississippi. Diana Dunn is the daughter of Charles and Marian Dunn of Maben, Mississippi.

Established in 1963 as a part of West Virginia's Centennial Celebration, the National Youth Science Camp annually provides for 102 student delegates – two from each state and the District of Columbia – a four-week summer forum where delegates exchange ideas with leading scientists and other professionals from academic and corporate worlds. Lectures and hands-on research projects are presented by scientists from across the nation who work on some of the most provocative topics in science today – topics such as fractal geometry, the human genome project, global climate change, the history of the universe, the fate of our rain forest, and robotics. Delegates to the Science Camp are challenged to explore new areas in biological and physical sciences, art and music with resident staff members. Delegates also present seminars covering their own areas of research and interest.

The National Youth Science Camp's academic program is complemented by an outdoor recreation program, which takes advantage of the camp's location in the Monongahela National Forest. The outdoor program offers backpacking, caving, rock climbing, mountain biking and kayaking.

Sabatino and Dunn will be flown to Charleston, West Virginia on Thursday, June 29 and will return home on Monday, July 24, after participating in this provocative educational

program. All expenses, including travel, are covered by the National Youth Science Foundation, based in Charleston, West Virginia.

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