



Virginia Association of Science Teachers

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2008 Professional Development Institute

Put this on your calendar now and don't wait to line up a substitute. The PDI this year, "Weaving a Tapestry for Science Learning," will be held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, November 13-15, 2008. Don't miss out on the lowest rates for registration for the PDI. Early Bird registration ends October 11, 2008. A broad range of national and regional speakers, engaging field trips, a reception and IMAX show at the Virginia Air & Space Center, and over 150 hours of concurrent sessions await you! For complete details, including hotel information, log on to the VAST website PDI page at education.jlab.org/vast/. The next newsletter will contain a preliminary program and schedule of events.

Journal

The submission deadline for the Journal's fall theme, 'Big Ideas in Science' is September 1. For details, please visit www.vast.org/index.cfm/go/content.dspcontent/Page_Name/Journal.html www.vast.org/index.cfm/go/content.dspcontent/Page_Name/Journal.html. Contact Michele Lombard with any questions, journal@vast.org. The deadline for the Journal contest is September 15th. You could win a three year VAST membership. See the **May issue** of The Science Educator for details.

Awards

Please consider nominating a deserving teacher, yourself included, to be recognized for contributions to science education. The nomination deadline has been extended to September 1, 2008. The nomination form is at www.vast.org/index.cfm/go/forms.nominating and a nominee does not have to be a VAST member. Awardees are recognized at the annual VAST PDI and receive an engraved plaque and a \$150 reimbursement for PDI expenses.

Newsletter

The next issue of The Science Educator should be in your mailbox by the end of August with everything you will need to plan your "sail" to Hampton for the 2008 VAST Professional Development Institute (PDI).

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