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# LeMoyne-Owen College's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Expo is March 29<sup>th</sup>

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**MEMPHIS, TN (Feb. 29, 2012)** Beakers, Mentos and Diet Cokes, oh my! LeMoyne-Owen College's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Expo is **Thursday, March 29, 2012**, from 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. in the Bruce Hall Gymnasium on the campus of LeMoyne-Owen College, 807 Walker Ave.

Children in grades 3 – 8 are invited to explore the wonders of science at this free afterschool event. Faculty and students from LeMoyne-Owen's Division of Natural & Mathematical Sciences have prepared activities that are designed to educate and stimulate.

"Children tend to be turned on to science or turned off by the time they reach the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade," LeMoyne-Owen College associate science professor Dr. Sherry Painter said. According to Painter, the Expo will give children a chance to 'get their hands dirty' by discovering the science behind the magic of "Magic Sand", making Slime, using Mentos and Diet Coke to power a race car, and much more.

"We want to see kids get excited about science early on and we have found that hands-on activities help accomplish that goal," Dr. Painter said.

The Science Expo is **free** to children and their parents or guardians. For more information, contact Dr. Sherry Painter at (901) 435-1383.

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The American Missionary Association founded The LeMoyne-Owen College in 1862 to educate freedmen and runaway slaves at the Union Army's Camp Shiloh in Shiloh, Tennessee. The school relocated to Memphis a year later, but was destroyed during race riots in 1866. Lincoln Chapel, as the school was then known, was rebuilt and reopened in 1867 with 150 students and six teachers. Lincoln Chapel was renamed LeMoyne Normal and Commercial School in honor of benefactor, physician and abolitionist Dr. Francis Julian LeMoyne and was relocated to its current site at 807 Walker Ave. in 1914. After more than 50 years of steady growth, LeMoyne merged with Owen College in 1968. Today, The LeMoyne-Owen College has a student body of more than 1,000 students and offers 4-year degrees in five disciplines: Business and Economic Development; Education; Fine Arts and Humanities; Natural and Mathematical Sciences; and, Social and Behavioral and Sciences.