

LET'S GET PHYSIC-AL

High school students exercise minds in science challenge



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Teams start adding pennies to their foil barges to see how many coins they can float during the Physics Olympics at Daytona State College's Daytona Beach campus on Friday.

More than a 100 teens challenged their brains at a "Physics Olympics" at Daytona State College on Friday.

The teens from Mainland, Spruce Creek, DeLand, Pine Ridge and University high schools participated in five contests in the college's Lemerand Center to strengthen the mind and demonstrate physics in applied settings.

The students solved puzzles in creative ways that they can apply in the classroom. Students competed using items such as straws, paper planes and Pringles potato chips. Scoring involved measuring mass, volume and tower heights as well as comparing distances and aerobatics performed.

— Deborah Circelli



Tia Hutchinson and Richard Ribar, Pine Ridge High School, celebrate their Egg Drop win.



DeLand High's Austin Amendolea, left, and Dominic Walk watch in dismay as their drinking straw 'arm' collapses in the Strong Arm competition.



After making several loops in the air, this paper plane landed just 14 inches from the starting line.