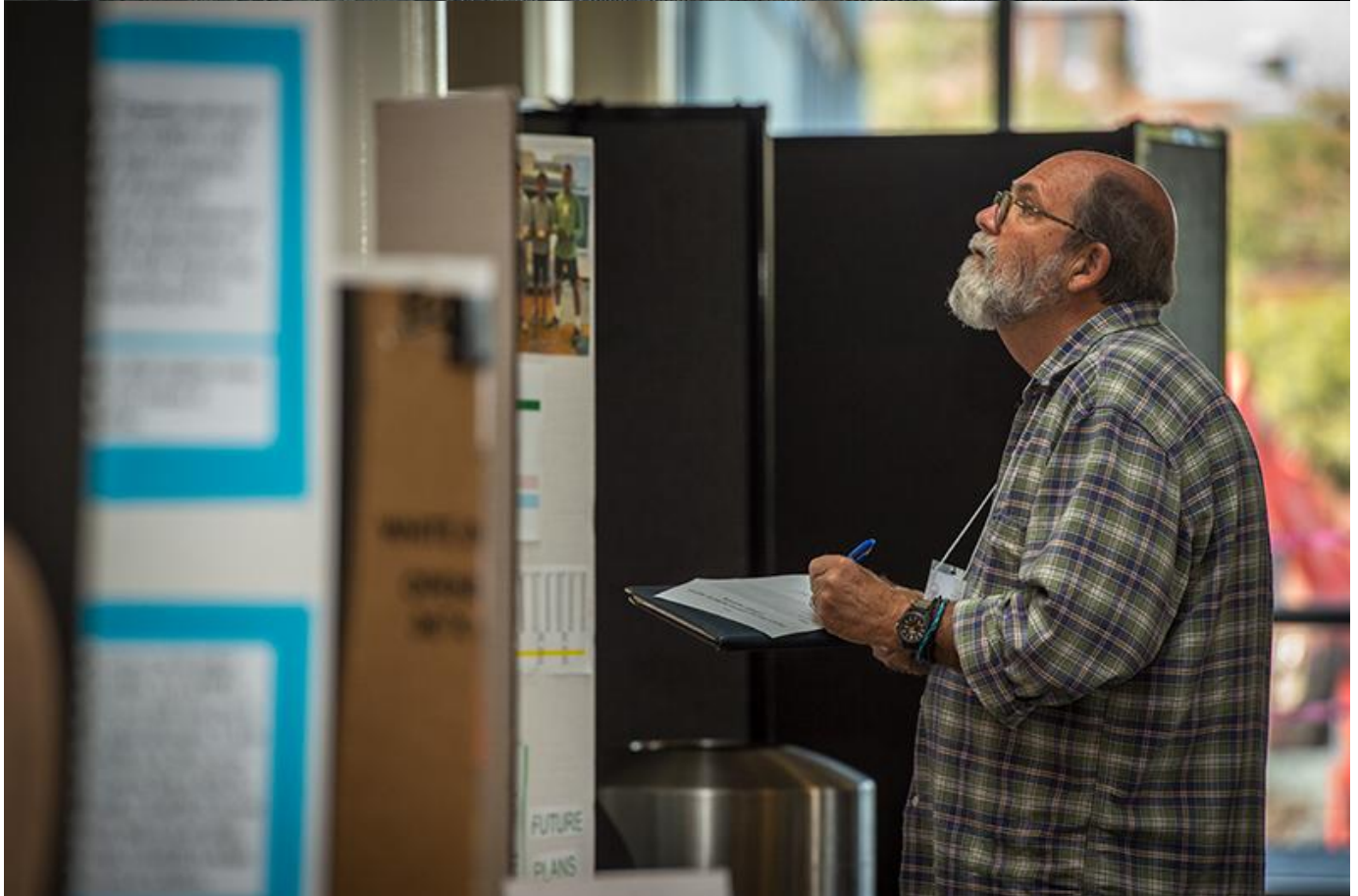


## Fair grounds

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Approximately 300 middle and high school students have gathered at the Lavin-Bernick Center this week for the 62nd annual [Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair](#). The young scientists, from Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines and Saint Bernard parishes, compete for over \$65,000 in scholarships and prizes, as well as the opportunity to advance to the state competition in mid March.







Dr. Mohamed Ghonim, right, listens as Darreille Ellis discusses her research regarding the stress levels of high school students enrolled in advanced placement (AP) courses. A senior at the New Orleans Math and Science High School, Ellis begins classes at Tulane's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in the fall. Ghonim is a judge for the event.

Students hang out near their projects while anticipating questions from judges. Will Knipmeyer, with the Mensa society, judges an entry in the competition.