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program ends at seven o'clock on Saturday evening when exhibitors assemble for the awards program. After brief greetings from representatives of the sponsoring organizations, the names of winners are announced and awards of various types are presented. The climax of the awards presentation is reached when the names of finalists are announced. Finalists receive an all-expense paid trip to a city in the United States where the annual International Science and Engineering Fair will be held and where they can compete for further awards. Each of the finalists also receive a scholarship payment of four hundred dollars when they enroll in a bonafide college or university of their choice. All in all, the Hawkeye Science Fair is a rewarding experience for everyone concerned.

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Loving and Beyond: Science Teaching for the Humanistic Classroom
by Joe Abruscato and Jack Hassard

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Loving and Beyond is a soft cover book that provides practical suggestions for making the science classroom a humane place where student curiosity about their own environment can be nurtured and developed. The thoroughly personal approach to science teaching provides examples of an approach to science and to teaching that is “humanistic.” The writing style is personal with each chapter ending with “conversations.” All suggestions the authors make are sensible, exciting, and illustrate the human interaction that ideally characterizes the school environment. Although the activities and the examples are most appropriate for the elementary and junior high levels, all science teachers (high school and college) will find a message concerning an approach to science learning. The authors are successful in communicating how science classrooms can foster experiences with science in a way that is exciting and meaningful to students. The ideas in the book are fresh and illustrate the potential that exists for stimulating students. The first part of the book includes ideas for organizing, managing, and planning for a humane classroom. The last part includes a resource of activities that can be used in the classroom. Loving and Beyond—just published—is a book that should find immediate use in pre-service programs, in-service workshops, and classrooms for teachers desiring a more humanistic science.

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