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**NEW EPIDEMIOLOGY CALENDAR (www.epicalendar.com)
OPENS ONLINE PORTAL TO WORLD OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Innovative Resource for Teachers and Students to Explore
Public Health Milestones from 14th Century to Today**

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 7, 2011 — The Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) Competition, the nation's leading public health competition for high school students, introduces the Epi Calendar (www.epicalendar.com), an interactive resource for students, teachers and the public to explore the fascinating world of epidemiology. The online calendar covers important events, people and institutions that have shaped the course of public health from the 14th century to today.

"Anyone curious about epidemiology will enjoy exploring the YES Epi Calendar," said Diane Tsukamaki, Director, National Recognition & Scholarship Programs, the College Board. "No matter what month you click on you'll find all kinds of interesting epi-related information. It's a great way to immerse yourself in the diverse world of public health and see the incredible array of topics researched by YES scholarship winners." The 2010-11 YES Competition takes place in Washington, DC, April 15-18.

YES Competition participants have conducted research projects related to many of the public health topics found in the Epi Calendar. Examples of these award-winning projects are peppered throughout the site along with tips for students preparing to enter the YES Competition. The website also offers the option to import the calendar to Microsoft Outlook or a mobile device via Google Calendar. The Epi Calendar features more than 180 public health milestones, including:

- **October 1347** – The first cases of Bubonic plague reach Europe.
- **September 28, 1928** – Discovery of penicillin.
- **July 1, 1946** – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is established.
- **May 8, 1980** – Smallpox is eradicated worldwide.
- **August 23, 1999** – West Nile Virus appears in North America.
- **February 3, 2006** – The FDA approves a new lab test for detecting Avian Flu in humans.
- **April 20, 2010** – America's largest offshore oil spill.

A goal of the Epi Calendar is to spark opportunities to bring public health topics into classrooms nationwide. Epidemiology – the investigation, control and prevention of epidemics – teaches students methods of scientific investigation useful in many subject areas: Mathematics, statistics, biology, chemistry, English and social sciences. Epidemiology engages students in solving public health problems using real world situations and develops critical thinking skills.

Teachers will find references to YES epidemiology teaching units inside the Epi Calendar (www.epicalendar.com). These innovative curricula are designed for high school classrooms across many subject areas, offering real-life public health mysteries for students to solve.

The Young Epidemiology Scholars Competition

The Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) Competition (www.collegeboard.org/yes) is the nation’s leading public health competition for high school students, established in 2003 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the College Board. YES offers some of the most generous college scholarships in the nation: Nearly \$500,000 annually to 120 high school students in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000. To date, YES has awarded nearly \$4 million in scholarships.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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