University System of Ohio **Board of Regents**

June 24, 2011

Mr. Alburuj Rahman 140 W 18th Ave Nahar-ASTRO Columbus, OH 43210

Dear Alburuj:

As Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, I am proud to congratulate you on your outstanding academic accomplishments. Your participation at the State Science Day, held on the campus of The Ohio State University on May 7, 2011, is a mark of your hard work and exemplary academic success in science and engineering. I commend you on your achievements!

Research, like the project you presented at the State Science Day, and the resulting increased knowledge are more important now than ever to keep our state and our nation competitive in the global marketplace. The future of Ohio is dependent upon the ideas, the solutions, and the innovations that students like you will create. Your future – as a prospective scientist, engineer, or health professional – will ensure and secure the economic success of our state.

With the knowledge that an educated workforce is vital to Ohio's success, there are several opportunities for students who choose science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) as a career path. You can choose from hundreds of STEM programs around Ohio housed at 14 public universities, 24 branch campuses, 23 community colleges, and numerous private colleges and universities. The Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program draws talented Ohio high school students to majors in STEM. If you have any questions about STEM programs and opportunities, the contact in my office is Briana Hervet at bhervet@regents.state.oh.us or 614-644-9602.

The State Science Day provided you the opportunity to compete in Ohio's largest and most influential STEM education program. In choosing to participate, you have taken a very important step in the right direction toward successfully completing your undergraduate studies, perhaps pursuing a graduate degree, and embarking on a career pathway in a STEM field preferably right here in the State of Ohio!

Congratulations on being a State Science Day student. We applaud your contributions to the academic community and we look forward to observing your future successes in education and your careers.

Sincerely,

Jim Petro

Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents