

High school students learn about alternative energy at UCSB MRSEC workshop



Students build and race solar cars to learn about UCSB materials science research on alternative energy.

Dozens of excited middle and high school students from across Santa Barbara County spent a morning learning about alternative energy by building and racing their own solar cars. The workshop, presented as part of Science and Technology Day at UCSB, included a presentation on alternative energy, hands-on activities, and a corresponding video for teachers. This workshop was developed by graduate students in collaboration with education staff from the UCSB Materials Research Laboratory. After its successful debut at Science and Technology Day, the workshop will be presented by MRL staff at schools throughout Santa Barbara County.