



Los Alamos lab director to link science education, national security in TEDxABQ talk

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LOS ALAMOS, N.M., Sept. 5, 2013—Los Alamos National Laboratory Director Charlie McMillan will discuss the linkage between national security and early education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) during a presentation at the TEDxABQ conference in Albuquerque on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Although the event is expected to sell out Popejoy Hall on the University of New Mexico campus, a live stream will be available and shown on a large screen at the Bradbury Science Museum, 15th and Central Ave. in Los Alamos. McMillan will be one of more than 15 speakers scheduled to appear between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

“Finding young people with the scientific and technical capabilities to carry on the Laboratory’s national security missions will be critical, but the linkage to national security goes beyond that,” McMillan said. “We will need a society with scientific literacy to make wise choices on the complex problems of our time, such as energy security and global climate change. Inspiring young people at early age – before the 5th grade – is extremely important.”

McMillan will describe the events that led to his career in science and share suggestions on how non-scientists can inspire young people to STEM careers and scientific literacy.

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