



Time Warner Cable's Global Online Town Hall

- On November 17th at 12pm ET/9 am PT, former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore will host Time Warner Cable's (TWC) global, interactive online "town hall" that will connect young people in the U.S. via live video with youth from Australia, Finland and China.
- The goal of the *Global Online Town Hall* is to begin a dialogue among young people, educators, parents, and STEM luminaries to discuss attitudes among American youth toward math and science, and what those attitudes mean for their prospects of success in the competitive global marketplace.
- With the job market placing a greater demand on STEM, U.S. students lag far behind their foreign counterparts among these crucial subjects. In a 2006 study, American students ranked 21st out of 30 in science literacy among students from developed countries and 25th out of 30 in math literacy.
- This event will allow students from across the U.S. to compare experiences from their schools and communities with youth from other nations, to ask questions of STEM luminaries, and offer suggestions for how to best motivate and inspire their peers.
- Local "viewing parties" will also be held around the country, where students, parents, local STEM luminaries and other concerned citizens will gather to participate in the *Global Online Town Hall*, followed by a discussion (real, not virtual) on local solutions in their respective communities.