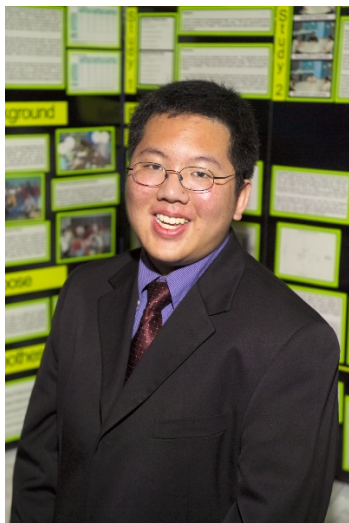


## CWSF 2005 - Vancouver, British Columbia



### Joshua Liu

#### Read to Achieve: Yes, boys can too!

**Division:** Life Sciences

**Category:** Senior

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**Abstract:** Worldwide studies show that the performance of young males in reading and writing is increasingly poorer than females. I found that placing males in contact with females activates stereotype threat, which causes deficits in male literacy task performance. The results suggest that male-only classrooms are ideal for developing good literacy skills.

Awards	Value
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