

May 23, 2017 State Science Day News Release

Upper Miami Valley Students Compete at State Science Day

Seventy-seven students from eighteen local school districts recently competed successfully at the Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day held at The Ohio State University in Columbus on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Approximately 1200 students from across the state participated in the all day event with a total of one million dollars distributed as scholarships and awards. Students exhibited projects in science, technology, engineering and mathematics which they worked on from last September through February of this year. All of the local students did exceptionally well with thirty-three receiving superior scores.

Receiving Superior ratings were: **from Anna HS** - Nathan Osborne, Lucas Huber, Kyle Christman, Jane Homans, Ally Cisco, Bradley Axe, Briana Fanaff; **from Ansonia MS** - Marissa Shook; **from Bethel Elementary** - Allison Cartwright, Julie Sebastian; **from Bethel MS** - Alaina Yarwick; **from DeColores Montessori Greenville** - Ryan Ballou; **from Graham MS** - Aislen Setty, Matthew Craft; **from Graham Elementary** - Grace Tyler, Samantha Worsham; **from Greenville HS** - Natalie Milligan; **from Holy Angels, Sidney** - Emma Westerheide; **from Lehman Catholic HS, Sidney** - Abigail Jones, Megan Neumeier, Angela Brunner, Ann Deafenbaugh, Hailey Wick, William Hoersten, Melanie Brunner, Lyndsey Jones; **from Milton-Union HS** - Abigail Hissong; **from Newton Elementary, Pleasant Hill** - Matthew Koon; **Piqua Catholic Elementary** - Hayden Sever; **from Piqua HS** - Darby Bubb; **from Tippecanoe HS** - Leena Vyas; **from Tippecanoe MS** - Brandon Hood, Gavin Ford; **from Versailles HS** - Ben Davis, Alec Barga.

Thirteen students earned special individual awards totaling almost \$2,400, plus Ohio Tuition Trust Authority 529 Savings Plan Scholarships totaling \$2,500 and renewable scholarships totaling \$21,000 (up to \$84,000 over four years). Additional awards and scholarships earned: **Bradley Axe, Anna HS** - Stone Lab Scholarship – Outstanding project in Botany, Environmental Sciences, and Zoology – one week summer course at OSU Stone Laboratory, Lake Erie; **Graham Milligan, DeColores Montessori** – HM Society of Petroleum Engineers Award - \$100; **Aislen Setty, Graham MS** – 1st place OSU College of Medicine Future Physician/Scientist Award - \$500; **Molly Hunt, Greenville HS** – 1st place Geological Society Geological Award \$350; **Abigail Jones, Lehman HS** – HM Geological Society Geological Award \$50; HM Governor’s Award for Excellence in Environmental Protection Res.\$100; 2nd place Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Districts Award \$100; **Abigail Hissong, Milton-Union HS** – American Statistical Assoc. Award; **Matthew Koon, Newton ES** – 1st Ohio Tuition Trust Authority 529 Plan Scholarship \$1500; 2nd American Meteorological Society Award \$50; **Hayden Sever, Piqua Catholic ES** - Ohio Tuition Trust Authority 529 Plan Scholarship \$1000;

Leena Vyas, Tippecanoe HS - Case Engineering and Applied Science Award - Case Western Reserve University Scholarship - \$20,000 renewable (four years), The Ohio State University College of Engineering Scholarship \$1,000 renewable, Engineer's Foundation of Ohio Award, 2nd place \$50; American Statistical Assoc. Award; **Victoria Jacobs, Tippecanoe HS** – OWEA Water Environment Science Award Projects devoted to stream water quality – 1st place \$500; **Brandon Hood & Gavin Ford, Tippecanoe MS** – 1st place Sigma Xi OSU Chapter Interdisciplinary Research Award \$100; **Ben Davis, Versailles HS** – NOKIA Applied Science, Technology & Innovation Award - 1st place \$200.

In only its third year participating in the Science Day Program, Anna High School students secured a coveted Harold C. Shaw Outstanding School Award Trophy. This award is difficult to achieve, requiring a high percentage of Superior projects at State Science Day. Congratulations to the Anna HS students and their teacher, Mrs. Vicki Quinter.

Upper Miami Valley Science Days provides the opportunity for students, grades 5-12, in Champaign, Darke, Miami and Shelby Counties, to complete and present original scientific research. This program is organized and supported by many area schools, teachers, parents, Edison Community College, Urbana University, and a number of businesses, professionals, community organizations, and other interested individuals. For additional information, go to the UMVSD website at: www.ohioumvsd.com