

## 2019 Darke County Science Day Results

On Thursday, February 28, 2019, the 6th Annual Darke County Science Day was held at Greenville High School for Darke County students, grades 5-12. Ninety-one students from Ansonia, Arcanum, Franklin-Monroe, DeColores Montessori, Greenville, Tri-Village and Versailles completed science research projects and presented their findings to area professionals, researchers, and educators.

This event offered students a venue that promotes the development of creative thinking, research and writing skills and career motivation toward the sciences, all in one program. Project topics may be in biology, chemistry, botany, space & earth sciences, computers, zoology, microbiology, biochemistry, physics, engineering, mathematics, medicine & health and behavioral & social science.

Thirty-eight students received the highest rating of “Superior”. They were: from Ansonia – Marissa Shook; from Arcanum – Makenna Gunckel, Celeste Arnett, Jenna Beatty, Jenna Haney, Madelyn Wogomon, Grace Wooten, Raymond Brothers, Landon Flatter, Anna Jean Stump, Hannah Kendig, Carley Rieman, Mackenzie Cantrell, Emma Rogers; from DeColores Montessori – Leo Williams; from Franklin-Monroe – Chase Osterday, Elli Earwood, Keihl Johnson, Mason Lair, Emma Miller, Isaac Shellabarger; from Greenville – Anthony Masso-Rivetti, Landon Muhlenkamp, Ash Williams, Ella Strawn; from Tri-Village – Morgan Hunt, Jade Murphy, Calvin Fritz, Cameron Kimmel, Alexander Milliff; Jamie Hemmelgarn, Halle Belle, Rylee Sagester; from Versailles – Alec Barga, Ethan Varner, Lauren Menke, Jessica Meyer and Kennedy Hughes.

These students are eligible to go to the District Science Day held at Edison State Community College in Piqua on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Students receiving a superior at District may go on to the State contest held at The Ohio State University on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Event sponsors donated awards and gift certificates in an amount totaling \$3000. Sponsors included: BASF Corporation, Wayne Health Care, Greenville Masonic Lodge No. 143, Cargill, Whirlpool, Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, Menke Family and the Darke County Foundation. Over 30 area professionals and community members volunteered to judge the projects, aided by Darke County science teachers.

Ash Williams of Greenville HS earned the Grand Prize of \$300. Leo Williams from DeColores Montessori received the 2<sup>nd</sup> place award of \$200 and Alec Barga from Versailles HS received the 3<sup>rd</sup> place award of \$100, all provided by BASF. Rounding out the top finishers were: Elli Earwood from Franklin Monroe; Morgan Hunt, Jade Murphy from Tri-Village; Lauren Menke, Kennedy Hughes and Ethan Varner- all from Versailles HS.

The Upper Miami Valley Science Day Committee, the Darke County students and the Greenville Schools Science Department all wish to thank the sponsors and volunteers for making the 2019 Darke County Science Day a successful event. Anyone with questions about the Science Day program should contact Angela McMurry, or Dr. Martin E. English, 1470 W. Main Street, Tipp City, OH 45371, 937-667-3217, or email: [info@ohioumvsd.com](mailto:info@ohioumvsd.com)