

2019 Shelby County Science Day Results

5th Annual Shelby County Science Day Held

On Thursday, February 07, 2019, the Shelby County Science Day was held at Anna Local High School for Shelby County students, grades 5-12. Twenty-five students 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. Thirteen students received the highest rating of “Superior”. From Anna Local High School, they were: McKenzie Bertsch, Christian Klinker, Brianna Holtzapple, Taylor Kauffmann, Emma Meyer, Hannah Shoemaker, Jake Kovacs, Isaac Rindler, Molly Batchelder, Ethan Huecker, Jacob Osborne, Ben Schmitmeyer and Sierra Williams.

These students are eligible to compete at the Upper Miami Valley District Science Day held at Edison State Community College on March 9th. Students receiving a superior at District may go on to the State contest held at The Ohio State University in May.

Event sponsors donated awards and gift certificates in an amount totaling almost \$1700. The “Title Sponsor” was EMERSON. Additional sponsors included Cargill, Premier Health, Dayton Society of Natural History and Anna Local High School. Area professionals and community members volunteered to judge the projects, aided by area science teachers.

Anna High School student, McKenzie Bertsch was awarded the Grand Prize of \$200. Christian Klinker was 2nd and team of Brianna Holtzapple & Taylor Kauffmann was 3rd, each project awarded \$100. The EMERSON Topic Category Awards included: Behavioral & Social Sciences 1st Place (\$100) to Ashleigh Jurosic, 2nd Place (\$50) to Brandon Hemsworth; Medicine & Health 1st Place (\$100) to Brianna Holtzapple & Taylor Kauffmann, 2nd Place (\$50) to Emma Meyer; Chemistry, Microbiology & Animal Science 1st Place (\$100) to Ethan Huecker, 2nd Place (\$50) to Lauren Stephens; Material Science & Environmental Science 1st Place (\$100) to McKenzie Bertsch, 2nd Place (\$50) to Isaac Rindler; Mechanical Engineering & Physics 1st Place (\$100) Christian Klinker, 2nd Place (\$50) to Jake Kovacs; and the Cargill Award in Plant Science (\$50) to Hannah Shoemaker. The Cargill Award for Best Presentation of Data (\$100) went to Sierra Williams and the Cargill Award for Best Abstract (\$100) went to Emma Meyer. Molly Batchelder won the drawing for a one year Family Membership to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, Dayton, Ohio, a \$115 value.

The students, their teachers, and Anna Local High School, all wish to thank the sponsors and volunteers for making the 2018 Shelby County Science Day a successful event. Anyone with questions about the science fair program should contact Dr. Martin E. English, 1470 W. Main Street, Tipp City, OH 45371, 667-3217, or email: info@ohioumvsd.com.