

May 20, 2019 State Science Day News Release

Upper Miami Valley Students Compete at State Science Day

Seventy-six students from seventeen 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 11, 2019. Approximately 1100 students from across the state participated in the all day event with a total of one-half 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-six receiving superior scores.

Receiving Superior ratings were: **from Anna HS** – Ethan Huecker, Milly Batchelder; **from Ansonia MS** – Marissa Shook; **from Arcanum Butler MS** – Hannah Kendig, Carley Rieman; **from Bethel HS** - Lisa Sebastian; **from Bethel MS** – Allison Cartwright, Jewell Tyler, Jasmine Harris, Jackie Harris, Tiffany Moore, Julie Sebastian; **from DeColores Montessori Greenville** – Leo Williams; **from Franklin-Monroe HS** – Keihl Johnson, Mason Lair, Emma Miller, Chase Osterday; **from Greenville HS** – Ash Williams; **from Holy Angels, Sidney** – John Brunner II; **from Lehman Catholic HS, Sidney** - Angela Brunner, Ann Deafenbaugh, Adith Joshua George, Cole Gilardi, Molly Greene, David Rossman, Jacquie Schemmel; **from Milton-Union MS** – Bryson Bailey, Liam Hartley; **from Troy HS** – Sarah Kinder, Grant Klopfenstein; **from Versailles HS** – Alec Barga, Lauren Menke, Ethan Varner; **from Tippecanoe HS** - Leena Vyas; **from Tippecanoe MS** – Riya Patel, Sadhil Mehta, Marissa Hollon, Brynna Sears; **from L.T. Ball Intermediate, Tipp City** – Kamryn Clint, Caroline Kaibas, Leilani Green, Carson Jackson, Elias Stienecker, Lindsey Osenko and Tessa Riehle.

Nineteen students earned special project awards totaling \$2,000 and renewable scholarships totaling \$2,700 (up to four years). Additional awards and scholarships earned included: **from Tippecanoe HS** - Leena Vyas, Outstanding Physics Award, American Physics Society – Ohio Chapter – 2nd place, \$100, Governor’s Award for Excellence in Environmental Protection Research, Ohio Education Fund – 1st place, \$100; **from Tippecanoe MS**, Mason Kinninger, Geological Award, Ohio Geological Society, Honorable Mention, \$50; Sadhil Mehta, Ohio University Dept. of Physics & Astronomy Young Scientist Award, 1st place, \$50, Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award, \$100; Marissa Hollon & Bryanna Sears, Broadcom MASTERS invitation to compete; **from L.T. Ball Intermediate**, Carson Jackson & Elias Stienecker, Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award, \$100; Tessa Riehl & Lindsey Osenko, Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award, \$100.

From Lehman Catholic HS, Adith Joshua George, American Water Works Association Award, 3rd place, \$100; Jacquie Schemmel, University of Toledo Science Achievement Scholarship, \$1,500 (renewable), Food Science & Engineering Award, Nestle Product Technology Center, 2nd place, \$300; Annamarie Stiver, Future Physician Award, OSU College of Medicine & Health, 2nd place \$250; **from Holy Angels Catholic School** – John Brunner II, Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award \$100, Broadcom MASTERS invitation to compete.

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From Bethel HS – Lisa Sebastian, Case Engineering & Applied Science award, Case Western Reserve University, Honorable Mention; **from Bethel MS** – Tiffany Moore, Behavioral Science Award, Ohio Psychological Association, \$50; **from Milton-Union MS** – Bryson Bailey, Broadcom MASTERS invitation to compete; **from Anna HS** – Molly Batchelder, Stone Laboratory Scholarship; Brianna Holtzapple & Taylor Kauffman, Governor’s Award for Excellence in Environmental Protection Research, Ohio Education Fund – 1st place, \$100; **from Greenville HS** – Landon Muhlenkamp, (six awards) Governor’s Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in Informational Science & Technology Research, 1st place, \$1,250 scholarship, Engineering Achievement Award, Engineer’s Foundation of Ohio, 2nd place, \$50, Excellence Award for Civil Engineering Project, American Society of Civil Engineers of Ohio, 2nd place, \$150, Governor’s Award for Excellence in Environmental Protection Research, Ohio Education Fund – 3rd place, \$100, Outstanding Civil & Environmental Engineering Award, 3rd place, \$100, Case Engineering & Applied Science award, Case Western Reserve University, Honorable Mention.

State Science Day multi-year participants were also recognized, including Leena Vyas, Tippecanoe HS – 6 year trophy, Lisa Sebastian, Bethel HS – 5 year trophy.

Both the Bethel Middle School and L.T. Ball Intermediate School students secured a coveted Harold C. Shaw Outstanding School Award Trophy for their respective schools. This award is difficult to achieve, requiring a high percentage of Superior projects at State Science Day. Congratulations to both of these schools, the students and their teachers. Out of 306 schools represented at State Science Day this year, there were only 12 Shaw Award trophies taken home, two to Miami County.

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