

2020 Champaign County Science Day Results

On Thursday, February 20, 2020, the 7th Annual Champaign County Science Day was held at Urbana University, for Champaign County students, grades 5-12. Eighteen students from Urbana Senior High School and Urbana Junior High School completed science research projects and presented their findings to area professionals, researchers, and educators. Students, parents and teachers were welcomed to Urbana University by Dr. Christopher Washington, Executive Vice President and CEO of Urbana University. Astronaut teacher, Mr. Mike Mongo, joined the Awards Ceremony via video conference from Los Angeles, California. He provided encouragement to the students to continue their STEM research in the future and he gave examples of the exciting careers they might expect in the coming years.

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.

Five students received the highest rating of “Superior”. From Urbana High School – Keelee VanHoose, Moriah Tavenner, Laken Ridgwell & Anna Selvaggio. From Urbana Junior High School – Joseph Lightle. These students are eligible to go to the District Science Day held at Edison State Community College in Piqua on Saturday, March 14th. Students receiving a superior at District may go on to the State contest held at The Ohio State University in May.

Grand Prize Awards from Cargill included Keelee VanHoose in 1st place (\$100), Moriah Tavenner in 2nd place (\$50) and Laken Ridgwell & Anna Selvaggio in third place (\$50).

Additional awards included:

100 Proof Press – Ink & Stem Stamps to Layla Nickell
 Boonshoft Museum of Discovery One Year Family Membership (\$135) Naomi Loxley
 100 Proof Press Award for Best Project in Chemistry (\$50) Laken Ridgwell & Anna Selvaggio
 100 Proof Press Award for Best Project in Physics (\$50) Joseph Lightle
 Upper Miami Valley Science Award for Best Project in Engineering (\$50) Keelee VanHoose
 Premier Health Award for Behavioral Science or Medicine & Health (\$50) Liliana Talebi
 Shepherd Award in: Behavioral & Social Sciences (\$25) Kayla Booze
 Shepherd Award in Medicine & Health Sciences (\$25) Aubrie Burnside
 Shepherd Award in Chemistry (\$25) Moriah Tavenner
 Shepherd Award in Plant Science (\$25) Jonathan Hildebrand
 UVM Science Award for Best Presentation of Data (\$50) Moriah Tavenner
 Premier Health - UVMC Award for Best Abstract (\$50) Joseph Lightle

Event sponsors included Cargill, Premier Health, 100 Proof Press of St. Paris, Shepherd Awards, Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and Urbana University. Area professionals and community members volunteered to judge the projects, aided by area science teachers. Anyone with questions about the science fair program should contact Dr. Martin E. English, 790 E. Shoop Rd., Tipp City, OH 45371, or email: info@ohioumvsd.com.