

2020 Darke County Science Day Results

On Thursday, February 27, 2020, the 7th Annual Darke County Science Day was held at Greenville High School for Darke County students, grades 5-12. Ninety-eight 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.

Forty-three students received the highest rating of “Superior”. They were: from Arcanum – Tyler Pfahler, Riley Via, Grace Wooten, Austen Cutarelli, Karr Stump, Regan Blinn, Jacob Rice, Madelyn Wogomon, Rachel Wright, Abigail VanHoose, Audrey Heiser, Trista Hollinger, Aidan O'Brien, Charlie Barry & Ashton Paul, Araya Musselman, Kayla O'Daniel, Camille Pohl, Jacob Egnor, Gracie Garno, Hannah Kendig & Carley Rieman; from DeColores Montessori – Donny (DJ) Everhart, Nash Klepinger, Haley Miller, Mason Shuttleworth and Myanna Conway; from Franklin-Monroe – Elli Earwood, Peyton Estes, Paige Luchini; from Greenville – Ash Williams, Caleb Coppess, Leo Williams, Anthony Masso-Rivetti, Landon Muhlenkamp; from Tri-Village – Cora Gutierrez, Robin Hayes & Amariah Markley, Ashdon Dyson; from Versailles – Jada Barlage & Hannah Bey, Ethan Varner and Lauren Menke.

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 on May 9th.

Event sponsors donated awards and event expense funds in an amount totaling \$4000. Sponsors included: BASF Corporation, Wayne Health Care, Greenville Masonic Lodge No. 143, Cargill, Whirlpool, Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, and the Menke Family. Over 30 area professionals and community members volunteered to judge the projects, aided by Darke County science teachers.

Lauren Menke from Versailles HS earned the Grand Prize of \$300, Hannah Kendig & Carley Rieman from Arcanum MS received the 2nd place award of \$200, Gracie Garno from Arcanum HS received the 3rd place award of \$100, Jacob Egnor from Arcanum HS received the 4th place award of \$50 and Ethan Varner from Versailles HS received the 5th place award of \$50, all provided by BASF. Rounding out the top finishers were: Landon Muhlenkamp and Anthony Masso-Rivetti both from Greenville HS, Camille Pohl and Kayla O'Daniel both from Arcanum 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 2020 Darke County Science Day a successful event. Anyone with questions about the Science Day program should contact Angela McMurry, or Dr. Martin E. English, 790 E, Shoop Rd., Tipp City, OH 45371, 937-667-3843, or email: info@ohioumvsd.com