

June 7, 2022 State Science Day News Release

Upper Miami Valley Students Compete in Virtual State Science Day

Eighty students from seventeen local schools recently competed successfully in the 2022 Online “Virtually Judged” Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day held in May of this year. After seventy-one years of live State Science Day competitions, the last three years required State Science Day to be held as an online platform due to the COVID-19 restrictions on large events. Over 600 students from across the state participated in the competition where a total of almost one-half million dollars was distributed as scholarships and awards. Students presented independent research projects in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. All of the local students did exceptionally well with forty of them receiving superior scores.

Receiving Superior ratings were: **from Anna HS** – Isaac Edelmann, Carly Koverman, Madison Prenger; **from Ansonia HS** – Marissa Shook; **from Arcanum HS** – Jorie McDermott, Ezekiel Wright; **from Bethel HS** – Alex Lyall, Julie Sebastian; **from Bethel MS** – Shritha Kutcherlapati; **from DeColores Montessori** - Haley Miller, Teddy Miller, Kierstin Drew, Samuel Dusek; **from Holy Angels MS, Sidney** - Henry Petersen, Taylor Platfoot, Bailey Cotterman, Kari Stewart, Avery Wyan; **from Lehman Catholic HS, Sidney** – Brian Baumann, Adith George, Brandon Jones, Annamarie Stiver; **from Miami East HS** – Katie Weddle; **from Miami Valley CTC** - Gabrielle Allen, Katherine Daugherty, Kiera Elliott, Reina Frame, Elizabeth Maxwell, Hannah Rademachir; **from Milton-Union HS** – Liam Hartley; **from Piqua Catholic Elem.** – Carey Yant; **from Tippecanoe HS** – Amelia Campbell, Sadhil Mehta; **from Tippecanoe MS** – Aubrey Ernst, Audrey Jackson; **from Tri-Village MS** - Cora Gutierrez, Brady Beisner, Raiden Quinn; **from Versailles HS** – Ethan Varner; **from West Liberty – Salem HS** - Elliott Hager.

Twenty-three students earned special project awards totaling \$7,150, plus three \$1,000 OTTA 529 Plan Scholarships, and a combined total of \$56,000 in college scholarships.

Awards and scholarships earned included: **from Anna HS** – Josephine Gehret, Ohio Osteopathic Assn. 2nd \$100; Carly Koverman, Assn. Ohio Music Therapists 2nd \$50; **from Ansonia HS** - Marissa Shook, Ohio Northern U. scholarship \$2,000 (renewable); **from Bethel HS** - Alex Lyall, American Meteorological Society 1st \$1,000; Julie Sebastian, Believe in Ohio \$200; **from Bethel MS** - Shritha Kutcherlapati, Governor's Thomas Edison Award in IT 3rd \$500; **from DeColores Montessori** - Kierstin Drew, Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award \$100; **from Holy Angels MS** - Anna Minneci, American Chemical Society Honorable Mention \$100; Kari Stewart, Ohio Tuition Trust Authority 529 scholarship \$1,000; Avery Wyan, Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award \$100, Broadcom Masters invite to compete; **from Miami Valley CTC** – Gabrielle Allen, U. Akron scholarship \$1,500 (renewable); Hayden Bratton, U. NW Ohio Robotics and Automation Technology scholarship \$40,000; Jessica Houseman, American Statistical Assn. Award 1st place; **from Piqua Catholic Elem.**– Carey Yant, American Meteorological Society 2nd \$750, Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award \$100.

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From Tippecanoe HS- Amelia Campbell, OSU Medicine - Future Physician/Scientist 1st \$500, Nationwide Children's Hospital 3rd \$50, Ohio U. Biological Sciences scholarship \$500; Sadhil Mehta, American Physics Society 2nd \$100; **from Tippecanoe MS** – Aubrey Ernst & Audrey Jackson, American Water Works Assn. 2nd \$75, Osmon Ramsey Environmental Science 1st \$250; **from Tri-Village MS** – Cora Gutierrez, Governor's Thomas Edison Award in Biomed 3rd \$750, OSU Medicine Future Physician/Scientist 1st \$500, Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award \$100, Broadcom Masters invite to compete; Brady Beisner & Raiden Quinn, Ohio Tuition Trust Authority 529 scholarships \$1,000 each, Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award \$100 each, Broadcom Masters invite to compete; **from Urbana HS** – Lyza Forson, Governor's Award in Environmental Protection Honorable Mention \$100; **from Versailles HS** - Ethan Varner, Governor's Thomas Edison Award in Energy 3rd \$500, JLG Excellence in Engineering Award 1st \$100, Columbia Gas of Ohio scholarship \$2,000.

State Science Day multi-year participants were also recognized, including Julie Sebastian, Bethel MS – 6 year trophy; Marissa Shook, Ansonia HS, Sadhil Mehta, Tippecanoe HS, 5 year trophies.

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, and a number of businesses, professionals, community organizations, and other interested individuals. For additional information, go to the UMVSD website at: www.ohioumvsd.com