

### **2024 Champaign County Science Day Results**

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Champaign County Science Day was held at Urbana High School, for Champaign County students, grades 5-12. Fifty-eight students from Urbana Senior High School and Graham Middle School and Elementary 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.

Thirty-three students received the highest rating of “Superior”. They were, from Urbana HS – Eveline Schelle, Katie McHenry, Olivia MacKendrick, Elaei Brown, Hazel Lightle, Madison Farmer, Chloe Nannarone, Jordyn Carroll, Adeline Hegyi, Lola Rice, Emily Hughes, Addison Bass, Mallory Stokes, Payton Longstreath; from Graham Elementary - Amara Rader, Piper Jacobs, Ayla Lensman, Olivia Obaugh, Lucy Rodgers, Leni Rader, Colten Taylor, Juliana Williams; from Graham MS - Mallorie Erter, Kaydence Harris, Jayna Weinert, Alaina Lockwood, Lily Parke, Mackenzie Crooks, Jacob Ekey, Carly Birchfield, Jenna Johnston, Adelyn Guidera, Alice Rogers. These students are eligible to go to the District Science Day held at Edison State Community College in Piqua on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Grand Prize Award of \$100 went to Eveline Schelle of Urbana HS. Cargill award for 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall for \$50 went to Mallorie Erter & Kaydence Harris. Cargill award for 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall for \$50 went to Amara Rader & Piper Jacobs..

Additional awards included: Shepherd Awards in Chemistry x 3 (\$50 each) Amara Rader & Piper Jacobs, Colten Taylor, Mallorie Erter; Lightle Family Fund Awards in Physics, Engineering, Energy, Material Science x 3 (\$50 each) Alaina Lockwood & Lily Parke, Jacob Ekey, Sara Faulkner & Emma Miller; Cargill Awards in Animal Science, Environmental Science or Plant Science x 3 (\$50 each) Jayna Weinert, Mackenzie Crooks, Adeline Hegyi & Lola Rice; Awards in Behavioral Science x 3 (\$50 each) Eveline Schelle, Katie McHenry, Hazel Lightle; Premier Health Awards in Microbiology or Medicine & Health x 2 (\$50 each) Ayla Lensman & Olivia Obaugh, Elaei Brown & Olivia MacKendrick; Award for Best Presentation of Data \$50 Chloe Nannarone & Jordan Carroll; Award for Best Abstract \$50 Eveline Schelle; McMurry Family “Spirit of Science” Award \$100 Juliana Williams.

Event sponsors included Cargill, Premier Health-UVMC, the Lightle Family Fund, 100 Proof Press of St. Paris, David Shepherd, Dr. Sheila Cherry and Urbana High School. 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@ohiouvmsd.com](mailto:info@ohiouvmsd.com).