

2024 Shelby County Science Day Results

9th Annual Shelby County Science Day Held

On Thursday, February 01, 2024, the Shelby County Science Day was held at Anna Local High School for Shelby County students, grades 5-12. Students from Anna HS and Jackson Center MS 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. Twelve students received the highest rating of “Superior”, from Jackson Center Elementary - Alex Prenger & Bryson Scott; Laya Roberts & Kierston Roberts from Anna Local High School - Violet Aiken, Marlie Barhorst, Audrey Flaute, Mallory Havenar, Seth Hegemier, Corrina Holtzapple, Donald Simpson and Jenna Wolters. These students are eligible to compete at the Upper Miami Valley District Science Day held at Edison State Community College on March 9th.

Event sponsors donated awards and gift certificates in an amount totaling \$1500. Sponsors included Airstream, Cargill, Wells Brothers, McMurry Family and Anna Local High School. Area professionals and community members volunteered to judge the projects, aided by area science teachers.

Anna High School student, Jenna Wolters was awarded the AIRSTREAM Grand Prize of \$200. Donald Simpson was 2nd and Laya & Kierston Roberts were 3rd overall with each project awarded \$100, also from AIRSTREAM. The AIRSTREAM Topic Category Awards included: in Behavioral Science, 1st Place \$100 Corrina Holtzapple, 2nd Place \$50 Audrey Flaute; in Medicine & Health / Microbiology 1st Place \$100 Jenna Wolters, 2nd Place \$50 Donald Simpson, 3rd Place \$50 Laya & Kierston Roberts; in Physics/Engineering/Math 1st Place \$100 Seth Hegemier, 2nd Place \$50 Derek Madden, 3rd Place \$50 Adan Baldonado; in Chemistry/ Material Science 1st Place \$100, Mason Hughes, 2nd Place \$50 Tony Gehret. The Cargill Award for Best Presentation of Data \$100 went to Jenna Wolters. The Cargill Award for Best Abstract \$100 went to Laya & Kierston Roberts. McMurry Family \$100 “Spirit of Science Award” went to Tony Gehret.

The students, their teachers, and Anna Local High School, all wish to thank the sponsors and volunteers for making the 2024 Shelby County Science Day a successful event. 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 .