

2025 Darke County Science Day Results

On Thursday, February 27, 2025, the 11th Annual Darke County Science Day was held at Greenville High School for Darke County students, grades 5-12. Thirty-three students from Arcanum, DeColores Montessori, Franklin-Monroe and Tri-village schools 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.

Sixteen students received the highest rating of “Superior”. They were: from Arcanum MS - Jean Pitman, Tim Johnson, Chloe Rieman, Micah, Matheson; from DeColores Montessori – Caleb Miller, Jonathan Conway, Nalayna Miley, Tara Seger, Christina Conklin, Conner Feldner, Ben Weigand; from Tri-village – Ezra Gutierrez, Cora Gutierrez, Colton Clevenger, Taytum Gray, Reggie Osborne. These students will go to the Regional Science Day held at Edison State Community College in Piqua on Saturday, March 8th.

Event sponsors donated awards and event expense funds in an amount totaling \$2,200. Sponsors included: BASF Corporation (Title Sponsor), Wayne Health Care, Cargill, Whirlpool, Garmann Miller Architects, Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and the McMurry Family. Area professionals and community members volunteered to judge the projects, aided by Darke County science teachers.

Caleb Miller from DeColores Montessori earned the Grand Prize of \$100, Cora Gutierrez from Tri-Village HS received the 2nd place award of \$50, Colton Clevenger from Tri-Village MS received the 3rd place award of \$50, all provided by BASF. Special awards provided by BASF went to Cora Gutierrez of Tri-village for Best Abstract (\$100) and Nalayna Miley of DeColores Montessori received the award for Best Presentation of Data (\$100). Whirlpool presented kitchen themed gift baskets as prizes for the “One Whirlpool Award: TEAM Project” to Mora Menzie & Alexis Gibbons from Arcanum HS and the “Spirit of Winning: Individual Project” x 2 to Taytum Gray from Tri-Village and to Nalayna Miley from DeColores Monessori. The McMurry Family “Spirit of Science” awards (\$100) went to Ben Weigand from DeColores Montessori. A free One Day Adult Passes to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery went to Jean Pitman, Chloe Rieman, Tim Johnson and Ezra Gutierrez.

Topic Category awards included: Cargill Awards in Animal Science or Plant Science: 1st \$100 to Tim Johnson, 2nd \$50 to Micah Matheson, 3rd \$50 to Megan Timmerman & Harper Miller; BASF Awards in Behavioral Science: 1st \$100 to Jean Pitman, 2nd \$50 to Conner Feldner, 3rd \$50 Mora Menzie & Alexis Gibbons; BASF Awards in Chemistry, Material Science, Energy, Physics: 1st \$100 to Nalayna Miley, 2nd \$50 to Dean Davis, 3rd \$50 to Weston Hatfield; Whirlpool Awards in Computer Science: 1st \$100 to Cora Gutierrez, 2nd \$50 to Jonathon Conway, 3rd \$50 to Chloe Rieman; Garmann Miller Awards in Engineering: 1st \$100 to Colton Clevenger, 2nd \$50 to Ben Weigand, 3rd \$50 Reggie Osborne; Wayne HealthCare Awards in Medicine & Health Sciences & Microbiology: 1st \$100 to Caleb Miller, 2nd \$50 to Taytum Gray, 3rd \$50 to Tara Seger.

The Upper Miami Valley Science Day Committee, the Darke County students, the Greenville Schools Science Department and the Darke County ESC all wish to thank the sponsors and volunteers for making the 2025 Darke County Science Day a successful event. Anyone with questions about the Science Day program should contact Dr. Martin E. English, 790 E, Shoop Rd., Tipp City, OH 45371, or email: info@ohioumvsd.com