

2025 Shelby County Science Day Results

10th Annual Shelby County Science Day Held

On Thursday, February 06, 2025, the Shelby County Science Day was held at Anna Local High School for Shelby County students, grades 5-12. Fifty-one students from Anna High School and Jackson Center 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. Twenty-eight students received the highest rating of “Superior”. They were: from Jackson Center Elementary & Middle School - Spencer Serr, Griffin Byrd, Elias Shuster, Caleb Lotz, Wesley Schwartz, Tanner Hilbun; from Anna Local High School - Eva Davies, Callie Gehret, Liz Staudter, Aven Zimpfer, Rachel Harshbarger, Izzy Jenkins, Maddy Seitz, Dana Pleiman, Kyle Edelmann, Audrey Flaute, Amelia Troller, Marin Argabright, Ashley Gehret, Sam Baldonado, Makenna Pettus, Aiden Berger, Carson Pleiman, Abi Prenger, Julia Poppe, Brooklyn Cruse, Aubrey Prenger, Vanessa Platfoot. These students are eligible to compete at the Upper Miami Valley Regional Science Day held at Edison State Community College on March 8th.

Event sponsors donated awards in an amount totaling \$1300. Sponsors included Cargill, Wells Brothers, the McMurry Family, the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and Anna Local High School. Area professionals and community members volunteered to judge the projects, aided by area science teachers.

Anna High School student, Eva Davies was awarded the Cargill Grand Prize of \$100. Callie Gehret was 2nd and Liz Staudter was 3rd overall with each project awarded \$50, also from Cargill. Topic Category Awards included: In Behavioral Science/Animal Science, 1st place \$100 - Eva Davies, 2nd place \$50 - Aven Zimpfer; Medicine & Health /Microbiology, 1st place \$100 - Callie Gehret, 2nd place \$50 Liz Staudter; Mechanical Engineering/Math, 1st place \$100 - Rachel Harshbarger, 2nd place \$50 - Audrey Flaute; Chemistry/Material Science/Plant Science 1st place \$100 - Spencer Serr/Griffin Byrd, 2nd place \$50 - Elias Shuster/Caleb Lotz; Physics/Energy/ Computer Science 1st place \$100 - Amelia Troller, 2nd place \$50 - Kyle Edelman. The Award for Best Presentation of Data \$50 went to Troy Wolters. The Award for Best Abstract \$50 went to Drea Schmidt. McMurry Family \$100 “Spirit of Science Award” also went to Drea Schmidt.

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.