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## 58 OHIO SCHOOLS AND 509 TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S THOMAS EDISON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION

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Columbus, OH (September 5, 2017) . . . **The Ohio Academy of Science** today selected **58** Ohio schools and **509** teachers to receive **The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research** for their accomplishments during the 2016-2017 school year. Each school will receive a special Governor's Award certificate, and each teacher will receive a complementary membership to The Ohio Academy of Science. **The Technology Division of the Ohio Development Services Agency** funded the program.

The criteria for the Thomas Edison Award for Excellence are: (1) to conduct a local science fair with twelve or more students, (2) qualify two or more of these students for one of the Academy's 17 district science days, (3) have students participate in at least one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom such as State Science Day, Science Olympiad, B-Wiser, visits to museums, mentorship programs, and extended field trips and (4) convince external STEM professionals how and to what extent the school's program met the Academy's definition of STEM education. The Ohio Academy of Science defines STEM education as both the mastery and integration of science technology, engineering, and mathematics for all PK-12 students. It incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based curricula to develop skills of communication, teamwork/collaboration, creativity/innovation, critical thinking and problem solving.

First established in 1985, the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards recognizes Ohio schools and teachers who stimulate scientific student research and technological design and extend opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. Students must participate in one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom, including State Science Day, The Ohio Academy of Science Annual Meeting, Buckeye Science and Engineering Fair, Science Olympiad, and other structured STEM-related youth activities. "These schools and teachers push the boundaries of the traditional classroom by advising and mentoring student originated research and other hands-on experiences", said Michael E. Woytek, the Academy's CEO.

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**Ohio Schools and Teachers Receive Governor's Thomas Edison STEM Education Awards**  
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The Ohio Academy of Science initiated this educational partnership program in cooperation with **The Office of The Governor and The Technology Division of The Ohio Development Services Agency** to recognize schools and teachers for excellence in STEM education and scientific student research.

Forty professionals – broadly representing STEM employers from business, industry, government, and academia – evaluated the applications in a review process.

**About The Ohio Academy of Science**

Founded in 1891, The Ohio Academy of Science (OAS) is a membership-based, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization. The Academy is the leading organization in Ohio to foster curiosity, discovery, innovation, and problem-solving skills in Ohio. OAS members are as diverse as the science taking place in Ohio, and our programs support science from pre-college and college students through scientific professionals.

For more information about the OAS, please visit its website at <http://www.ohiosci.org>

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## 2017 Roster of Governor's Awards

CITY	SCHOOL	TEACHER
Akron	East Community Learning Center	Katie Marsh
		Tracy Braho
		Alisa Gross-Dann
		Joan Gipson
		Michelle Hillier
		Tyler Stanley
		Lori Mohler
		Rachel Dalton
		Carole Beck
		Rebecca Laux
		Linda Olson
		Jerrit Ekama
	Zemoria Parnell	
	Adrian Ellis	
	Mark Shannon	
	Vera Rodgers	
	Margaret Busker-Postlethwait	
	Thomas Ely	
	John Lengyel	
	Hyre CLC	Lori Mohler
		Jon Short
		Bo Haffner
		Lisa Heint
		David Hardwick
		George Niinisto
	Miller South Perf Visual & Arts School	Robert Marxen
		Laura Valenza
		Megan Houk
		Shannon Kotradi
		Tina Lattimer
		Samantha Fodor
		Vanessa Roberts
		Laura Feltman
		Tracey Visco
		Ruth Roope
		National Inventor's Hall of Fame MS
Sherry Hankinson		
Christine Justiss		
Susan Hall		
Rachandra Decatur		
Emily Butler		
Elizabeth Bugner		
Ellen Beldean		
Julie Demangeont		
Katie Beal		
Ed Garcia		
Perkins Pringle		
Keri Russinko		
Lesley Trendell		
Angica Weaver		
Chelsea Nicolino		

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Akron	National Inventor's Hall of Fame MS	Diane Pancoe
		Donna Wojcik
		Jason Reitz
		Brent Beebe
		Felicia Campbell
		Angelo Donatelli
		Kelly Dine
		Mary Graichen
		Khiejana Sims
		Okena Winters
		Rick Englehart
		Janet Parker
		Julie Jacob
		Julie Pinney
		Stacey Forte
	Paula Peyak	
	Bill Alkire	
	Brian Zilla	
	Krista Kolich	
	Alicia Tucker	
	Taylor Allen	
	Corey Dentler	
	Marcus Lawson	
	Jennifer Taylor	
	Jen Lyle	
	William Paluch	
	Dolores Whaley	
Justin Plas		
Steven Frantz		
Warren Hackett		
Robert Mahaney		
Connie Duff		
Kris Johnson		
Angela Marshall		
Laura Williams		
Vicki Quinter		
Scott Swartz		
Kimberly Shuster		
April Stewart		
Ellen Kroutel		
Mary Ann Hopple		
Nathan White		
Susan Matters		
Stephanie List		
Nancy Wild		
Laura Waltos		
Sandy Gorenc		
Amy Akosi		
Christina Juhl		
Greg Fesz		
Jean Spinazze		
Jennifer Hess		
Patricia Sas		
Sharon Lynch		
Nicole Castrigano		
Anna	Anna HS	
Athens	Athens MS	
Avon	Holy Trinity	

CITY	SCHOOL	TEACHER
Bay Village	St Raphael	Lyndsay Moro Amy Hoffmeister Michelle Wise Carla Licastro
Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	Andrea Ruda Kayla Bruggeman Nate Doolos Tami Basich Crystal Current Kyle Ferguson Kim Lord Cathy St. Pierre Debi Schwieterman Allie Bisignani Jennifer St. Pierre Shelby Sigman Lynzee Johnson Ellen Herick
Berea	Academy of St Adalbert	Jennifer Schwartz George Mithcell
Canton	Oakwood MS	Scott Laughman Michelle Hahn Whitney Gallina Carol Raff Vanessa Board Sarah Pendleton Matthew Carpenter Lauren Sturiale Mike Roberts Allen Meffan Stephen Tornero Jeanette Garcia Chris Donohue Ed Keoshian David Limbaugh Ashley Kessler Laura Schmidt Brian Richeson Allyson Sederland Beth Waseity Charles Julian Paul Cotton
Casstown	Miami East HS	David Scott Beck Weldy
Chardon	St Mary	Amber Yeager Theresa Merkle Kathy Lyons Meg Pawar Jenny Rodriguez Julie Fedak

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Chesterland	West Geauga HS	Kristin Gegory
		Natalie Cooper
		Scott Raines
		Sandy Kulp
		Mike Taurasi
		Mike Sustin
		Brian Spotts
		Aly Ledman
		Stephanie Meyer
		Dianne Cryder
		Christina Kessler
		Debbie Fyffe
		Maria Polacek
Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	Linda Kerr
		Courtney Maxwell
		Nancy Ames
		Hillery Kennedy
		Terrina Fahnestock
		Tina Haller
		Julie Beatty
		Carrie Hill
		Barb Nowlin
		Danielle McDaniel
		Mindy Martin
		Dwane Hall
		John Scott
Jennifer Johnston		
Aaron Miller		
Jill Allen		
Jason Clark		
Melissa Payton		
Dennis Foreman		
Brooke Detty		
Cincinnati	Anderson HS	Corey Larrison
		Emily Dorsey
		Krista Willertz
		Holly Lowden
		Jeff Rodriguez
		Taylor Rose
		Louise Keep
		Courtney Snider
		Troy Spitzmueller
		Justin Good
		Mary Dennenan
		Deborah Bonekamp
		Cathryn Lest
Regina Goines		
Jonathan Spurlock		
John Chadwell		
Jolene Esz		
Chillicothe	Zane Trace HS	Jolene Esz
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Cincinnati	Turpin HS	Corey Mullins Carmen Venditto Petter Hoying Erin Berling Caitlin Holmes Lindsay Camm
Cleveland	Horizon Science Academy	Caglar Guler Scott Girard Serdar Muhammetberdiyev Berhan Beyis Elif Polat Karen Zupancic Denim Nagelski Emre Akurek Monica Girard
Cleveland Hts	Beaumont School	Mike Pettek Yvonne Schiffer Anna Eaton Stephanie Moran Adelaide Landoll Kari Shick Samiha Iskander Simon Masters Gretchen Santo Ann Wojnar Ann Hoelzel Ela Winkler
Columbus	Immaculate Conception	Megan Wood Sandra Frazier
Dayton	Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Kevin Gallagher Eric DeMario Melissa Cox Linda Hallinan Becky Kondritz Jill Klimaski Jill Klimaski Nancy Jeanmougin Chris Kemper Cheryl Fahrig Sarah Brashears Elise Myers Becky Cornett Stephanie Gosser Beth Allaire
	Carroll HS	Christina O'Malley Laurie Fuhr Mary Ollier Martha Carter Carlone Metosh-Dickey Andy Farrell Diane Keller Laura Wright Mike Lakin Rick Schaefer Todd Tayloe

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Dayton	David H Ponitz Career Technology Center	Joshua Roark
Elyria	Horizon Science Academy	Oktay Ince
	St Jude	Diana Kirkpatrick
		Julie McFarland
		Jen Elston
		Dan Arroyo
		Kathy Tollett
		Susan Bruckner
		Meghan Griffin
		Meg Milchen
		Jessica Pardee
		Mary Jane Leonowich
		Chrysa Muenchausen
		Steffany Congelio
		Molly Hibler
		Tanya Pallardy
Fairlawn	St Hilary	Jennifer Rowe
		Katie Heuer
		Cathie Durkin
		Elizabeth Slanina
		Lisa Weber
		Michele Sollenberger
Highland Heights	St Paschal Baylon	Michele Longano
		Stephanie Leffler
		Joan Lorber
		Kristian Martinson
		Kristen Polantz
		Laura Yanick
		Dani Alan
		Diane Raguz
		Kathy Baka
		Jennifer Fekete
		Mary Curtis
		Iryna Kulick
		Joanne McMurdo
		Evamarie Mickol
		Marge Simpson
		Holly Herald
		Vera Marti
Independence	St Michael	Patty Perhavec
		Judy Lasecki
		Diane Patterson
		Erin Toth
		Laura Ambrose
		Sandy Mueller
		Debbie Paolucci
		Miranda Oltmanns
		Stacy Turk
		Mrs Freeman
		Melanie Wypasek
		Christi Vaughn
		Theresa Betori
		Bob Clark
		Sue Mackovjak



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Independence	St Michael	Mrs Bellomy Adam Cottos Sue DiGeronimo Linda Niro Pam Rable
Kettering	Archbishop Alter HS	Jennifer Butler Michelle Denney Jim Zimmerman Jack Andersen Debbie Portman Chris Untener Randy Reeder Michael Thuente Michelle Popp Barbara Groene Jaclyn Helt
Lancaster	Fairfield Christian Academy	Jerimiah Schluep Stacie Hopple Dannelle Ashley Kelli Frye Mark Bowers Cynthia Rogers Amber Farmer Brenda Fischer Kathey Cassidy Chris Hawks Cathy Bartelmas Stacey Rauch Melissa Albert Bobbi McKinnon Diane Hoffman JT Burcham Susan Van Horn David Albert Teresa Seaman Rita Ralph Barry Garrett
Liberty Twp	St Mary Mother Teresa Catholic	Anita Yaple Schellie Scott Lori White Amenda Ocariz Lauren Austin Sara Hoar Karen Geiger Nikki Stewart Matthew Bailey
Lorain	Horizon Science Academy	Lisa Hollstegge Feyiz Pekel Hasan Savas

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Medina	St Francis Xavier	Jane Unsdorfer Gail Reynolds Stephanie Novicky Gideon Nocero Monica Gorman Diane Salamon Cindy Gerity Amy Evrard Kathy Jo Fronk Amanda Plute-Schlitter Mike Eleo Pam Bugner Stephanie Baker Christina Bresnahan Christa Borling
N Canton	North Canton MS	Taylor Sowers Kaitlyn Gollihue
N Ridgeville	St Peter	Nicole Pozega Becky Essenmacher Holly Trampush Donna Stano Roger Brooks Linda Karr Carol Costanzo Janis Van Dyke Andrea Byrne Kathy Hepp Meg Harasym Eileen Geiger Ann Marie Hice
New Albany	New Albany Intermediate School	Claire Monk Mandy McNamara Subha Ganesan Leslie Shea Sandra Reed Pete Barnes Marc Cofer Scott Cooper Chad Schwinnen Abbey Jarvis Andy Moore Lorin Love Doug Jones Jenny Taylor Ali Laughbaum Sarah Sautter Kirsten Jaster Greg Morris Ginny Nicholson Greta Manning Cathy Ricks

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Newark	C-TEC of Licking County	Matt Darrah
		Elizabeth Winer
		Jill LeMaster
		Kay Holton
Parma Hts	Incarnate Word Academy	Gayle Cronin
		Karen Micheli
		Cynthia Rossman
		Michelle Brazina
Sidney	Lehman Catholic HS	Allison Klutarich
		Tracy Hall
Solon	St Rita	Sr. Ginny Scherer
		Leah Bertke
Springfield	Global Impact STEM Academy	Matthew Richards
		Barbara Wilson
		Cristina Bohning
		Teja Novak
		Michelle Czernek
		Lori Foster
		Michael Payne
		Stephanie Smith
		Rachel Sanders
		Lisa Duffey
		Collin Gierke
		Matt Ehlinger
		Monica Armstrong
		Haley Conkel
St Clairsville	East Richland Christian School	Georgianne McNuitt
		Chris McNutt
		Anton Kilburn
		Jennifer Foudray
		Andy Bonar
		Beth Hearlihy
		Daniel Metzger
		Colleen Huey
		Leslie Goshia
		Melanie Clark
Steubenville	Bishop John King Mussio Central JS	Aaron Mostia
		Jita Knox
		Jane Powell
		Becky Kraly
		Sue Morgan
		Brian Yourko
		Kama Martin
		Eric Woods
		Linda Yourko
		Charlotte Payne
Matthew Cummins		
Sandy Morelli		

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Sunbury	Big Walnut Intermediate	Casey Wright Megan Massingill Michael Stone Bob Keep Sarah Wadsworth Wendy Austin Michael Wion Rina Hoge Stacey Hamilton Karen Bodker
Sylvania	Toledo Islamic Academy	Fadi Sarsour Mohammed Hegazy Hiba Fayoumi Khadija Moiz
Tipp City	Tippecanoe MS	Jennifer Nickol Abbi Hohenstein Dale Bonifas Curt Eral
Toledo	Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior HS	Gerry Davis Diane Drabek Nicole Silvers Patty Dowd Jeanine Bailey Michael Leeds Paul Genzman Dan Feuerstein Joan Keckler MaryKate Hafemann Tim Adkins Tony Torio Jeremy Nixon
	Trinity Lutheran	Marianne Gordon Jess Thacker Diane Love David Tracey
Warsaw	Warsaw ES	Dawn Justice
West Union	West Union HS	Tess Holloway Aaron McCann
Youngstown	Chaney Campus of VPA STEM	Sheri Cope Carrie Sinkele Madonna Barwick Stephanie Greathouse Pam Lubich Kristen Calhoun Tim Bakos Sharon Ragan