Dear Members,

There is much to share about the Academy's programs and events that took place this spring. It was a very busy and successful season for recognizing and celebrating research. I hope you enjoy the update!

State Science Day 2016

On May 14, 2016, the 68th State Science Day was held on the campus of The Ohio State University and was hosted by The Office of Distance Education and eLearning. The Academy is grateful for the generous support from each of its State Science Day Sponsors, Ohio State, AEP Ohio, Battelle, Ethicon and The Ohio EPA.

SSD would not be possible without the help of more than 1,000 volunteers. These essential volunteers travel across the state to serve as judges, sponsored award judges and event workers.

Thank you for supporting science and science education in Ohio.

More than 1,100 students competed for more than $600,000 in scholarships and cash awards.

For more information about SSD, please refer to the program and the press release.
Believe in Ohio, a program of The Ohio Academy of Science held its 2016 State Competition at Westerville North High School on May 7, 2016.

A total of 138 students were awarded $525,000 in Ohio college scholarships and cash awards. Congratulations to each of the 2016 State Competition Awardees!

Beginning in 2014, BiO helps Ohio students to understand the importance of STEM education and an entrepreneurial mindset to become competitors in Ohio’s Innovation Economy. Through STEM Forums, online courses and professional mentoring, students are prepared to develop STEM projects and to compete in STEM Commercialization and Business Plan Competitions.

As seen below, James Keating presenting his project, “Bright Water to Save the Planet”.

Invention Convention Competes Nationally

A total of 73 Ohio students advanced from regional competition to represent the Buckeye State at the National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo in Washington D.C. Of these 73 students, 14 placed in this national competition!

Invention Convention introduces students to problem identification and the engineering-design process. IC curriculum provides students the opportunity to learn engineering design, prototype building, hypothesis formation and to improve their presentation skills.

In 2016, while operating as a K-8 program of The Ohio Academy of Science, Invention Convention serviced roughly 21,000 students from 102 school districts across Ohio.

For more information about Invention Convention, contact Veronica Lynagh, Executive Director at veronica@inventionconvention.org
BUCKEYE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR, sponsored by Ethicon, was held on April 2, 2016. A total of 72 students competed for the opportunity to advance to Intel ISEF, which was held in Phoenix, AZ from May 8-13.

Alison Bachowski, Chinmay Bakshi, Rohit and Prathik Chakravarthy, Aditya Jog, Samantha Loeffler and Shaheel Mitra all advanced to Phoenix. Congratulations to each of you!

Thank you to all of our Members and Volunteers for your support. Please forward this email on to any of your colleagues that may be interested in the Academy or its programs, and please contact us any time.

Sincerely,

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