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STEM Scholars Competed for Nearly $500,000 in Scholarships and Awards at State Science Day 2018

Columbus, Ohio – On Saturday, May 12th, 1,136 students in grades 5-12 exhibited their science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) projects at the 70th annual State Science Day. Hosted by The Ohio State University, State Science Day is a program of The Ohio Academy of Science. This year, STEM scholars from 322 schools throughout Ohio – competed for nearly $500,000 in scholarships and sponsored awards.

State Science Day is made possible by the support and sponsorship of The Ohio State University with the Office of Distance Education and eLearning coordinating the event locally. Title Sponsors include: AEP Ohio, Battelle, CAS, COSI, Ethicon, The Ohio Environmental Education Fund, and The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority College Advantage 529 Plan.

“For 70 years, State Science Day has been a defining experience in STEM-education throughout Ohio”, said Michael E. Woytek, CEO of The Ohio Academy of Science. “The importance of STEM education and the role of inquiry-based science research and technological innovation is a critical component for workforce development and the template for a stronger, more vibrant economic model”. Woytek added, “we are thankful for having such generous sponsors and the support of more than 1,000 science and engineering professionals that serve as judges and volunteers”.


The students competing at State Science Day, advanced to the state-level competition from 17 District Science Days held in March.

Since 1949, local, district and State Science Day have comprised Ohio’s largest and most far reaching STEM education program with more than 75,000 students participating state-wide.

Several Ohio Departments and Centers fund awards at State Science Day. The Governor’s Thomas Edison Awards include, Excellence in Student Research in Advanced or Alternative Energy; Biotechnology and Biomedical Technologies; Environmental Sciences and Information Technology. Sponsors for the Governor’s Awards are the Ohio Development Services Agency (Technology Division), the Ohio Environmental Education Fund and several Edison Technology Centers.

The following sixteen schools received the Harold C. Shaw Memorial Outstanding School Award:

- Bloom Carroll Middle School – Carroll
- Carroll High School – Dayton
- Dayton Regional STEM School – Dayton
- Geneva Junior High School – Geneva
- Incarnate Word Academy – Parma Hts.
- LT Ball Intermediate School – Tipp City
- Lehman Catholic High School – Sidney
- Mother Teresa Catholic School – Liberty Twp.
- Ottoville High School – Ottoville
- St. Columban School – Loveland
- St. Mary Elementary School – Lancaster
- St. Paul School – North Canton
- St. Raphael School – Bay Village
- St. Rita Catholic School – Solon
- Upper Arlington High School – Upper Arlington
- Weisenborn Middle School – Huber Hts.

The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority recognized 5th and 6th grade researchers by awarding The College Advantage 529 Plan Award to 12 deserving students. These awards totaled $12,500.
Students were also recognized for competing multiple years at **State Science Day**. The following list of students were presented awards for this distinguished accomplishment:

**Six Year Awardees** – Jamie Bradbury (Geneva HS-Geneva), Sanjeev Gunawardena (Centerville HS-Centerville), Anna Kruse (Bloom Carroll HS-Carroll), Joseph Kruse (Bloom Carroll HS-Carroll), and Faith Myers (Big Walnut HS-Sunbury)

**Five Year Awardees** – Himani Akula (Dublin Jerome HS-Dublin), Siddarth Barve (William Mason HS-Mason), Prathik Chakravarthy (Beavercreek HS-Beavercreek), Aurora Fares (Canfield HS-Canfield), Rachel Kahler (Bellbrook HS-Bellbrook), Rohit Kataria (Wheelersburg HS-Wheelersburg), Allison Sanders (Global Impact STEM Academy-Springfield), Brittany Schleeter (Ottoville HS-Ottoville), Cal Shrimplin (River View HS-Warsaw), Jordan Skates (Pettisville HS-Pettisville), Cassidy Smith (Bloom Carroll HS-Carroll), Leena Vyas (Tippecanoe HS-Tipp City), and Kaylynn Yockey (East Richland Christian Schools-St. Clairsville)

**Four Year Awardees** – Emily Bouffard (Northwestern HS-West Salem), Sudarshan Chakravarthy (Beavercreek HS-Beavercreek), Lauren Dalton (Dayton Regional STEM School-Dayton), Theodore Dimitrov (Upper Arlington HS-Upper Arlington), Allison Frank (Geneva HS-Geneva), Brandon Hood (Tippecanoe MS-Tipp City), Willow Kenneda (Williamsburg HS-Williamsburg), Emily Kruse (Bloom Carroll HS-Carroll), Lindsey Kulp (West Geauga HS-Chesterland), Alaina Metzler (Geneva HS-Geneva), Allison Mizer (River View MS-Warsaw), Rayanne Mustapha (Bounty Collegium-Sylvania), Sundus Mustapha (Bounty Collegium-Sylvania), Rena Ouyang (Rutherford B. Hayes HS-Delaware), Mohini Parvate (Dublin Jerome HS-Dublin), Anant Ramji (William Mason HS-Mason), Shrutih Ravichandran (Hathaway Brown School-Shaker Hts.), Elyse Reed (Ashland HS-Ashland), Lisa Sebastian (Bethel HS-Tipp City), Mukund Seshadri (Dublin Coffman HS-Dublin), Samanvith Thotapalli (Hyatts MS-Powell), Zoe Williams (Athens HS-Athens), Ian Wolfe (Bloom Carroll HS-Carroll)

For more information, including a complete roster of participating students and sponsored awards, please visit [www.ohiosci.org/ssd/](http://www.ohiosci.org/ssd/). For more information about **State Science Day**, call 614-488-2228 or email mwoytek@ohiosci.org.