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ACADEMY OF SCIENCE NAMES OHIO STEM EXEMPLARS 58 professionals from 25 counties included

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Columbus (August 19, 2015) ... The Ohio Academy of Science today named 58 Ohioans as Believe in Ohio STEM Exemplars who *exemplify* believing in Ohio from a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workforce perspective. They will serve as role models for students to encourage them to pursue STEM careers and become entrepreneurs and innovators. Honorees are graduates of Ohio high schools, have attended higher education in Ohio or elsewhere and are now gainfully employed or retired in a STEM field in Ohio.

“These exemplars represent a broad range of STEM professions including many applied fields like agriculture, aviation and aerospace, communication and information technology, construction, education, energy, environment, manufacturing, materials, medicine and health,” said Dr. Lynn E. Elfner, CEO Emeritus of The Ohio Academy of Science and Co-Director of Believe in Ohio. “Believe in Ohio is the only statewide Ohio student STEM education program to integrate **entrepreneurship** and **innovation** as pathways to create future jobs,” he continued.

Believe in Ohio is a student STEM entrepreneurship program of The Ohio Academy of Science, in cooperation with Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio, and funded by The Ohio General Assembly through The Ohio Board of Regents. The program www.BelieveinOhio.org develops Ohio's next generation of innovators to create jobs through the application of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and to innovate new products and services.

Posted here <https://fs19.formsite.com/targetmar/form12/index.html> is an online application due September 30 for new STEM Exemplar applicants. Anyone may be nominated or apply who meets these general criteria: graduated from an Ohio high school, pursued higher education in Ohio or elsewhere and is now gainfully employed or retired in a STEM field in Ohio.

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This release is posted at <http://www.believeinohio.org/s/PR2015STEMExemplarsAugust.pdf>

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City	Employer	JobTitle	
Akron	Mr. Todd Taylor	CTI Engineers, Inc.	Project Engineer
Ashland	Ms. Kathleen M Blackford	Ohio State University Extension	Extension Educator 4-H Youth Development
Beavercreek	Dr. Syvillia Averett	Central State University	Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Bowling Green	Prof. Todd C Waggoner	Bowling Green State University	Professor and Interim Assoc. Dean
Bowling Green	Mr. Ronald O Nickey	Wood County ESC (Ret-Bowling Green City Sch)	Substitute Teacher
Brooklyn Heights	Dr. Helen K Mayer	GrafTech	Knowledge and Innovation Manager
Cincinnati	Dr. Kellie Hawkins-Hyde	Cincinnati Public Schools	Mathematics Instructor
Cincinnati	Mrs. Katherine Hubert	Kroger Manufacturing	Senior Industrial Engineer
Cincinnati	Mr. Shelton L Graves	North American Properties	IT Technician
Cincinnati	Mr. Andrew J Sauer	The Procter & Gamble Company	Senior Scientist
Cincinnati	Miss. Ashley D Ogletree	Cincinnati Public School District	Business Systems Analyst
Cleveland	Mr. Karl West	Cleveland Clinic	Director of Medical Devices
Cleveland	Dr. Beth E Lewandowski	NASA Glenn Research Center	Biomedical Research Engineer
Cleveland	Mr. Timothy Kulbago	Image IQ	President and CEO
Columbus	Mr. Adam M Garver	Attorney General's Office - BCI	Forensic Scientist
Columbus	Dr. Katheirne A Moga	The Ohio State University	General Chemistry Lab Supervisor
Columbus	Prof. Brian K Hajek	Retired - The Ohio State University	Assoc. Chair Nuclear Engineering Program
Columbus	Dr. Robert Moyer	Battelle	Principal Research Scientist
Columbus	Mr. Dustin P Doherty	EMH&T	Project Engineer
Concord	Mr. Richard D Benz	Lake Metroparks (Ret-Wickliffe City Sch)	Science Curriculum Consultant
Dayton	Dr. Wayne L Cook	Eastman Kodak Company	IT Development Scientist
Dayton	Miss. Hanen B Alkhafaji	PQ Systems Inc	Software Developer
Defiance	Mr. R. Lynn Gilliland	Retired - GM Worldwide Facilities	Senior Engineer
Delaware	Mr. James Stafa P.S.	Ohio Department of Transportation	Survey Operations Manager
Delaware	Mr. Robert W Claymier	Self-employed (Ret-Delaware City Sch)	Elementary STEM Consultant
East Cleveland	Mrs. Andrea L Vullo	GE Lighting	Community Relations Manager
Findlay	Dr. Gwynne S Rife	The Univeristy of Findlay	Science Education Director COE
Gallipolis	Dr. Amanda N McConnell	Holzer	Physician, Neurology
Galloway	Mr. Pete A Harlan	Battelle	Program Manager
Kent	Dr. Erica N Montbach	Kent Displays Inc.	Manager Research and Development
Lakewood	Ms. Keeley C Schneider	TPC Wire and Cable	Senior Quality Control Engineer
Mentor	Mr. Christopher Kaye	US Endoscopy	VP of Research and Technical Innovation
Middletown	Mr. Donald R Boyd	Wausau Paper	Electrical Maintenance Engineer
Mineral Ridge	Ms. Ashley N Martof	Youngstown State University	Graduate Research Assistant
Mount Vernon	Mr. Jeremy Funk	Department of Defense	Electrical Engineer
Newark	Ms. Lorei A Reinhard	Licking Memorial Health Systems	Director of Laboratory Services
Newbury	Dr. Bryan K Boggs	Water Star, Inc.	Chief Scientist
Ottawa Hills	Prof. Tod L Shockey	University of Toledo	Associate Professor - Math Education
Oxford	Mr. Matthew E Brown	Butler Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Electrical Engineer
Pandora	Mr. Mark Suter	Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools	Computer Teacher, Rockettech.org Director
Patriot	Mr. John P Davis III	Gallia County Local Schools	Science Teacher
Powell	Ms. Emily E Wieringa PE	The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium	Director of Construction
Sidney	Mr. Chad M Baver	SAPA Extrusions North America	Process Engineer
South Euclid	Mr. Anthony C Spring	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District	Construction Supervisor
Stow	Mr. Nathan J Yaussy	Fairport Harbor School District	Science Teacher
Stow	Dr. Mary L Ruehr	Stow-Monroe Falls High School	Science Teacher
Sylvania	Mr. Bryan J Curtis PE	MATRIX Technologies Inc	Senior Consultant
Sylvania	Ms. Kathryn Zeitler	Springfield Local Schools	Teacher
Toledo	Mrs. Sarah E Gulch	Imagination Station	STEM Education Coordinator
Toledo	Ms. Sloan E Mann	Imagination Station	Assistant Director of STEM Education
University Hts	Dr. Michael Martin	John Carroll University	Professor and Chair, Biology
Vandalia	Ms. Sarah E Krug	University of Dayton	Graduate Assistant
Westerville	Prof. Paul J Wendel	Otterbein University	Assistant Professor
Whitehouse	Mr. Jerry S Schutt	Arrow Tru-Line, Inc.	Director of Engineering
Wilmington	Mrs. Laurie Boyd	Alkermes	QC Analyst III
Worthington	Dr. Thomas C Easley	Sandvik	Technology Program Manager
Xenia	Ms. Deborah E Hoffer	The Rogosin Institute	Manager Quality Systems & Cleanrooms
Xenia	Dr. Michael R Deis	Wright State University	Director Advanced Research & Development