

2023 Champaign County Science Day Results

On Wednesday, February 15, 2023, the 9th Annual Champaign County Science Day was held at Urbana High School, for Champaign County students, grades 5-12. Thirty-eight students from Urbana Senior High School and Graham Elementary 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.

Nineteen students received the highest rating of “Superior”. They were, from Urbana HS – Vincent Lightle, Noraa Smith, Kylie Johnson, Ethan Botkin, Avari Jenkins, Alex Dixon, Jason Sabin, Camdyn Johnston, John Dale, Zeke Wasson; from Graham Elementary - Carly Birchfield, Jenna Johnston, Adelyn Guidera, Alice Rogers, Oscar Anderson, Declan Stephens, Jacob Ekey, Lincoln Jacobs, Brandon Lockery. These students are eligible to go to the District Science Day held at Edison State Community College in Piqua on Saturday, March 11th.

Grand Prize Awards from Cargill included Ethan Botkin in 1st place (\$100), Carly Birchfield & Jenna Johnston in 2nd place (\$50) and Avari Jenkins & Alex Dixon in third place (\$50).

Additional awards included:

Award for Best Project in Chemistry x 2 (\$50 each) Carley Birchfield & Jenna Johnston
Graham Elem., John Dale – Urbana HS

Award for Best Project in Physics x 2 (\$50 each) Jason Sabin & Camdyn Johnston –
Urbana HS, Lincoln Jacobs – Graham Elem.

Award for Best Project in Earth/Environmental Science or Plant Science x 2 (\$50 each)
Adelyn Guidera & Alice Rogers – Graham Elem., Oscar Anderson – Graham Elem.

Award for Best Project in Energy, Engineering or Material Science x 2 (\$50 each)
Ethan Botkin – Urbana HS, Declan Stephens – Graham Elem.

Premier Health Award for Behavioral Science or Medicine & Health x 2 (\$50 each)
Avari Jenkins & Alex Dixon – Urbana HS, Zeke Wasson – Urbana HS

Award for Best Presentation of Data \$50 Tayte Stratton – Graham Elem.

Award for Best Abstract \$50 Alex Dixon & Avari Jenkins – Urbana HS

McMurry Family “Spirit of Science” Award \$100 Ethan Botkin – Urbana HS

Event sponsors included Cargill, Premier Health-UVMC, 100 Proof Press of St. Paris, Dr. Sheila Cherry and Urbana High School. Area professionals and community members volunteered to judge the projects, aided by area science teachers. 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@ohiouvmsd.com.