

May 17, 2023 State Science Day News Release

Upper Miami Valley Students Compete in Virtual State Science Day

Forty-five students from fourteen local schools recently competed successfully in the 2023 Online “Virtually Judged” Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day held in April of this year. After seventy-one years of live State Science Day competitions, the last four years required State Science Day to be held as an online platform due to the COVID-19 restrictions on large events. Over 550 students from across the state participated in the competition where a total of almost one-half million dollars was distributed as scholarships and awards. Students presented independent research projects in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. All of the local students did exceptionally well with forty of them receiving superior scores.

Receiving Superior ratings were: **from Anna HS** – Gabriel Daniel, Jady Huber, Meredith Klein; **from Arcanum HS** – Arianne Garrison, Karis Wright, Mariah Kreusch; **from Bethel HS** – Julie Sebastian; **from DeColores Montessori** – Sierra Matamoros, Nevan Miley, Micah Perry; **from Graham Elementary** – Brandon Lockery; **from Holy Angels MS, Sidney** – Eden Snow; **from Lehman Catholic HS, Sidney** - William Axe; **from St. Patrick, Troy** – Ernesto Flores; **from Tippecanoe HS** – Sadhil Mehta; **from L.T. Ball Intermediate, Tipp City** – Isabella Everhart, Everett Henry, Dawson Vocke, Claire Sutton, Aria Tomb; **from Urbana HS** – Ethan Botkin.

Eleven students earned special project awards totaling \$1,300, plus three \$1,000 OTTA 529 Plan Scholarships, and a combined total of \$14,000 in college scholarships.

Awards and scholarships earned included: **from Ansonia HS** - Marissa Shook, University of Toledo Science Achievement Scholarship \$1,500 (renewable); **from DeColores Montessori** – Nevan Miley, the Martin E. English, DVM Award in Animal Science / Veterinary Science, \$100, Micah Perry, Ohio Tuition Trust Authority 529 scholarship \$1,000; **from Holy Angels MS** - Eden Snow, Ohio Tuition Trust Authority 529 scholarship \$1,000, Gordon J. Aubrecht Award for Outstanding Physics Projects, 3rd place, \$50; **from Arcanum HS** – Lani Hollinger & Jacob Rice, Ohio Psychological Association Behavioral Science Award, 2nd place, \$150; **from St. Patrick, Troy** – Ernesto Flores, Ohio Tuition Trust Authority 529 scholarship \$1,000, Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award, \$100, Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge; **from Tippecanoe HS**- Sadhil Mehta, Ohio Northern University Scholarship, \$2,000 renewable, Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Advanced or Alternative Energy Scholarship, 3rd place, \$750; **from Urbana HS** – Ethan Botkin, Urbana HS, Society of Experimental Test Pilot Excellence in Flight Sciences, 2nd place, \$150.

State Science Day multi-year participants were also recognized, including Julie Sebastian, Bethel MS – 7 years; Marissa Shook, Ansonia HS, Sadhil Mehta, Tippecanoe HS, 6 years, Liam Hartley, Milton-Union HS, 5 years; Jacob Rice, Arcanum HS, 4 years.

In addition to these awards, eleven Upper Miami Valley District 1 students were each awarded a \$2,000 Ohio Scholarship from the Ohio Academy of Science “Believe In Ohio” program. Students were Meredith Klein, Abigail McEldowney & Bree Metzler, Anna HS; Marissa Shook, Ansonia HS; Carson Tegtmeyer, Kaitlyn Brown, Lauren Gower, Caleb Hartman & Mariah Kreusch, Arcanum HS; John Brunner, Lehman Catholic HS; Julie Sebastian, Bethel HS.

Upper Miami Valley Science Days provides the opportunity for students, grades 5-12, in Champaign, Darke, Miami and Shelby Counties, to complete and present original scientific research. This program is organized and supported by many area schools, teachers, parents, Edison Community College, and a number of businesses, professionals, community organizations, and other interested individuals. For additional information, go to the UMVSD website at: www.ohioumvsd.com