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OHIO SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN YOUTH SCIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

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Columbus (August 28, 2008) . . . The Ohio Academy of Science today selected 73 Ohio schools and 209 teachers to receive Governor's Awards for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities for their accomplishments during the 2007-2008 school year. The Ohio Department of Education will issue special Governor's Award certificates.

"These schools are engaged in project-based curricula, the central element of any *STEM education program," said Lynn Elfner, the Academy's CEO.

"Receiving a Governor's Award for Excellence sends a clear signal that these schools and teachers value student-originated, inquiry-based science education as outlined in the *Ohio Science Education Standards* and in the *National Science Education Standards*," said Lynn Elfner, the Academy's CEO. "Whole new worlds of opportunities open up to students when they complete research or technological design projects," he continued.

To qualify for the Governor's Award, each school conducted a local science fair with 20 or more students, sent one or more of these students to one of the Academy's 16 district science days, and involved students in one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom such as State Science Day, visits to museums, mentorship programs and extended field trips.

The Ohio Academy of Science initiated this educational partnership program in cooperation with The Office of The Governor and the Ohio Department of Education to recognize schools and teachers who stimulate student scientific research and extend science education opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. The Technology Division of The Ohio Department of Development has supported this program since 1985 by grants to The Ohio Academy of Science.

About The Ohio Academy of Science

The Ohio Academy of Science strives to be the leading organization in Ohio *to foster curiosity, discovery, and innovation* and to unite all who value education, science, engineering, technology, and their applications to benefit society. See the Academy's website at <http://www.ohiosci.org>

Editor's note: *STEM is science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

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The Ohio Academy of Science 2007-2008 School and Teacher Governor's Awards

City	School Name	Teacher(s)
Akron	East HS	Mr. William Stone Mr. John Guidubaldi Ms. Bobbi Tidrick Mrs. Sharon Kaffen Mr. Charles Armstrong Mrs. Johnna O'Neal
Akron	Innes MS	Mrs. Christine Justiss-Simon Mr. Robin Clark Ms. Annemarie Crofoot
Bay Village	St Raphael	Mrs. Debbie Singleton
Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	Mrs. Cathy St. Pierre
Bowling Green	Bowling Green Christian Academy	Ms. Cathy Young
Bowling Green	St Aloysius	Mrs. Erin Webb
Centerville	Incarnation	Ms. Linda Bruns
Chesterland	West Geauga HS	Ms. Ali Ledman Mr. Mike Taurasi Mr. Mike Sustin Ms. Natalie Cooper Ms. Kristen Gregory Mr. Tom Booth Mr. Mike Painter Mr. Mark Walton
Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	Mrs. Dianne Cryder Mrs. Amanda Mickey Mrs. Connie Schaeffer Mrs. Carrie Hill
Chillicothe	Unioto JS	Ms. Lorna Buskirk
Chillicothe	Zane Trace MS	Mr. Dennis Foreman Ms. Brooke Detty
Cincinnati	All Saints	Mr. Joseph Dienger Mr. Thomas Fairbanks
Cincinnati	Anderson HS	Mr. Jeffrey Rodriguez Mr. Dan Yeager Mrs. Louise Keep
Cincinnati	McNicholas	Ms. Debbie Bonekamp Mr. Dick Pfirman Mr. Jon Spurlock Ms. Amy Morsch Mrs. Gwyn Bush Mr. Michael Quinones Mrs. Regina Goines
Cincinnati	Our Lady of Lourdes	Mrs. Bonnie Schobert
Cincinnati	Our Lady Of Visitation	Mrs. Laura Ellis Mrs. Kelly Igel Ms. Judy Maddock
Cincinnati	Turpin HS	Mr. Barry Riehle Ms. Corey Mullins Mr. Carmen Venditto

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City	School Name	Teacher(s)
Cleveland Hts	Beaumont School	Mrs. Nooshin Beigi Mrs. Sandra Fletcher Mrs. Gretchen Santo Mrs. Lynn Gadus Mrs. Samiha Iskander Ms. Patricia Kenzig Mrs. Lauren Brandon
Columbia Station	Columbia HS	Ms. Kathi Maxwell Mr. James Boyer Ms. Angela DeLeon Mrs. Rebecca Karl
Columbia Station	Columbia MS	Mr. Walter Grobelny Mr. David Eliason Ms. Rebecca Karl
Columbus	Holy Spirit	Mrs. Jennifer Garnica Miss Kelly Willey Mrs. Pam Eitel Mrs. Anita Siefert Mrs. Chettie Singer
Columbus	St Timothy	Mr. Rick Logue Mrs. Carolyn Sue Gardiner Miss Kristen Jenny
Continental	Continental Local HS	Ms. Tammy Baker Ms. Marilyn Bohrer
Coshocton	Coshocton HS	Ms. Lisa Akers Mr. Steve Shaw
Dayton	Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Mrs. Pam Londergan
Dayton	Carroll HS	Ms. Suz Levy Ms. Laurie Fuhr Ms. Kathy Keller
Dayton	Chaminade Julianne	Ms. Christina Tetzlaff Ms. Ellen Fifarek Mr. Mike Thuente
Defiance	Tinora HS	Mrs. Jenifer McConaughy Mrs. Jean Meyer
Defiance	Tinora JS	Mrs. Jenifer McConaughy Mr. Brian Wonderly
E Canton	East Canton HS	Mrs. Lisa Gothard
Fairborn	Fairborn HS	Mrs. Leslie Lehner Mrs. Amanda Taylor Mr. Thomas Kirsch Mr. Darwin J. Chivers Mrs. Phoebe Dickman Mrs. Sally Schell Mr. Phillip Kirk Mrs. Amanda Spirk Mrs. Suzanne Bell Mr. Mike Thompson
Fort Jennings	Fort Jennings HS	Mrs. Lisa Duffey Mrs. Mary Lou Altenburger Mr. Jeff Jostpille

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Geneva	Geneva HS	Mr. Robert Lundin Mr. John Barbo Mr. Jarrod Burgard Mr. Frank Carraher Mrs. Eileen Dragon Mrs. Jessica George Mr. Dale Johnston Ms. Wendy Booth Mrs. Emily Long Mrs. Jayne Parker Ms. Elizabeth Lehtola
Geneva	Geneva JS	Ms. Jayne Parker Ms. Emily Long Mr. Frank Carraher Ms. Wendy Booth
Georgetown Glandorf Grove City Hubbard	Georgetown Jr/Sr HS Glandorf ES Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Hubbard HS	Col. Howard Willis, Jr. Mr. Ted Elliott Miss Mary Ann Hartley Mr. William Hart Mrs. Laura McCleery Mrs. Maria Pizanias Mrs. Tiffany Bendersky Mr. Bob Williams Mrs. Irene Pizanias
Ironton	St Joseph Central	Ms. Ann Harvey Ms. Joan Simon Ms. Billie Cogan Ms. Ruth Hopkins
Jackson Center Kettering	Jackson Center HS Archbishop Alter	Mrs. Jan Davidson Mr. Todd Tayloe Ms. Jennifer Butler Mr. John Gates Ms. Barbara Groene Ms. Michelle Popp Ms. Bonnie Walter
Liberty Twp Lima	Mother Teresa Catholic St Charles	Mrs. Karen Geiger Ms. Chari Cook Mrs. Bridget Allman Mrs. Megan Scheid
Louisville	Louisville HS	Ms. Gina Skolmutch Mr. Robert Sudomir Ms. Angel Kusmits
Louisville	St Louis	Ms. Kimberly Appleby Ms. Margaret Hufler Ms. Patricia Sautters
Lynchburg Miller City	Lynchburg-Clay HS Miller City HS	Ms. Lara Hamilton Ms. Deb Schimmoeller Mr. Ryan Benroth Ms. Darla Warnecke Mr. Dustin Pester Mr. Denny Mumaw Ms. Toni Rieger Mr. Dave Leader

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Minerva	Minerva HS	Ms. Stacey Peters Ms. Valerie Slaton Ms. Molly Winters Mr. Matt Leatherberry Mr. Mike Waller
N Canton Ottawa	St Paul Ottawa ES	Mrs. Sharon Varner Ms. Kris Stechschulte
Ottoville	Ottoville HS	Ms. Nancy Kroeger Ms. Krista Schomaeker
Parma Parma Hts Pettisville	Shiloh MS Incarnate Word Academy Pettisville HS	Mrs. Carolyn Bast Ms. Cynthia Rossman Mr. John Poulson Mr. Paul Bishop Mrs. Donna Meller
Sidney	Lehman Catholic HS	Sister Ginny Scherer, SC Ms. Jenny Weber Ms. Kristine Pax Ms. Tracy Hall
Somerset	Holy Trinity	Mr. Aaron Shumaker Ms. Karen Young Ms. Jennifer Wish
Springfield Steubenville Sylvania	Catholic Central JS/HS Aquinas Central Toledo Islamic Academy HS	Ms. Veronica Phillips Mrs. Sandy Morelli Mrs. Arnal Kanan Mr. Mustafa Bourawi Mrs. Khadija Moiz Mrs. Zabarjad Chaudhary
Tiffin	Columbian HS	Mr. Kevin Roush Mrs. Jeanette Marshall
Toledo	Central Catholic	Ms. Janine Bailey Mr. Michael Petro
Toledo	Little Flower	Mrs. Linda Murphey Mrs. Tammy Hinkle Mr. Ben Dumas
Toledo Toledo	St Patrick Of Heatherdowns Trinity Lutheran	Mrs. Theresa Betori Mrs. Marianne Gordon Mr. Tim Kollmorgen
Upper Sandusky	Upper Sandusky HS	Mr. Tim Pohlman Mrs. Teresa Harris
Westerville Westerville	St Paul Walnut Springs MS	Mrs. Margie Ford Ms. Deborah Fisher Mrs. Heather Smalley Mrs. Sherry Birchem Mr. John McCoy Mrs. Julie McSwords Mr. Chad Clark
Worthington Worthington	St Michael Thomas Worthington HS	Mr. Ryan Schweiterman Ms. Jodi Bacon Mr. Brian Geniusz Mrs. Sara Quart
Youngstown Zanesville Zoarville	St Christine Bishop Fenwick Tuscarawas Valley HS	Mrs. Marie Viglio Mrs. Carol Griffin Mr. John Hite Ms. Lucinda Martin
Zoarville	Tuscarawas Valley MS	Mr. Nicholas Hoalt Mr. Gregg Strong Ms. Susan Sciury