

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

For immediate release

Columbus (September 9, 2009) . . . The Ohio Academy of Science today selected 90 Ohio schools and 300 teachers to receive Governor's Awards for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities for their accomplishments during the 2008-2009 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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		Ms Carol Hendrickson
		Ms Penny Pletikapich
		Mr Ryan Boyd
		Ms Linda Tedesco
		Mr Bryan Neugebauer
		Ms Lisa Centnerosky
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		Ms Gloria Russo
		Ms Wendy Duke
		Ms Louise Heydorn
		Mr Robert Marxen
		Ms Jeannette Loretitsch
		Ms Laura Feltman
		Ms Adrienne Kalaitides
		Ms Sarah Core
		Mrs Sharon Nicastro
		Mrs Debra Singleton
		Mrs Andrea Ruda
		Mrs Georgie Rosier
		Mrs Cathy St Pierre
		Mrs Georgette McClain
		Ms Nicole Hill
		Mr Jeff Davidson
		Mr Keith Keller
		Mrs Cindy Tucci
		Mr Adam Schumaker
		Ms Judith Sudomir
		Mr Dave Pilati
		Ms Linda Bruns
		Ms Aly Ledman
		Mr Mike Taurasi
		Mr Mark Walton
		Ms Anna Laubscher
		Ms Kristin Gregory
		Ms Natalie Cooper
		Mr Don Tobul
		Mr Tom Booth
		Mr Mike Sustin
		Mr Brian Spotts
		Mrs Kara Norris
		Ms Lorna Buskirk
		Mr Gary Peters
		Mr Jason Clark
		Mr John Scott
		Ms Jennifer Moore
		Ms Brooke Detty
		Mr Dennis Foreman
		Mr Dan Yeager
		Mr Jeffrey Rodriguez
		Mr Bud Lutterbie
		Mrs Emily Dorsey
		Mrs Louise Keep
		Mr Justin Good
		Mr Dave Brandon
		Mrs Regina Goines
		Mrs Gwyn Bush
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Bay Village	St Raphael	
Beavercreek	Ferguson MS	
Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	
Blanchester	Blanchester HS	
Bowling Green	Bowling Green Christian Academy	
Brookville	Brookville HS	
Canton	Glen Oak HS	
Centerville	Incarnation	
Chesterland	West Geauga HS	
Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	
Chillicothe	Unioto JS	
Chillicothe	Zane Trace HS	
	Zane Trace MS	
Cincinnati	Anderson HS	
	McNicholas	

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Ironton	St Joseph Central	
Jackson Kettering	Jackson HS Archbishop Alter	
Louisville Mechanicsburg Miller City	Louisville HS Mechanicsburg HS Miller City HS	
Monroe	Monroe HS	
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Parma Hts Paulding	Incarnate Word Academy Paulding HS Paulding MS	
Pettisville	Pettisville HS	
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