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45 OHIO SCHOOLS AND 491 TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S THOMAS EDISON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION

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Dublin, OH (September 8, 2021) . . . **The Ohio Academy of Science** today selected 45 Ohio schools and 491 teachers to receive **The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research** for their accomplishments during the 2020-2021 school year. Each school will receive a special Governor's Award certificate, and each teacher will receive a complementary membership to The Ohio Academy of Science. **The Technology Division of the Ohio Development Services Agency** funded the program.

The criteria for the Thomas Edison Award for Excellence are: (1) Conduct a local science fair with 12 or more students and have two or more of these students participate in the 2021 Virtual District Science Day OR Have 6 or more students participate in the 2021 Virtual District Science Day when no local has been conducted, (2) Students must participate in at least one more youth science opportunity beyond the classroom. The Ohio Academy of Science defines STEM education as both the mastery and integration of science technology, engineering, and mathematics for all PK-12 students. It incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based curricula to develop skills of communication, teamwork/collaboration, creativity/innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving.

First established in 1985, the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards recognizes Ohio schools and teachers who stimulate scientific student research and technological design and extend experiential opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. "These schools and teachers are connecting classrooms to the real world by demonstrating the relevance of STEM.", said Michael E. Woytek, the Academy's Executive Director. Woytek went on to say, "they are developing a group of active and intrinsic learners."

The Ohio Academy of Science initiated this educational partnership program in cooperation with **The Office of The Governor and The Technology Division of The Ohio Development Services Agency** to recognize schools and teachers for excellence in STEM education and scientific student research.

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About The Ohio Academy of Science

Founded in 1891, The Ohio Academy of Science (OAS) is a membership-based, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization. The Academy is the leading organization in Ohio to foster curiosity, discovery, innovation, and problem-solving skills in Ohio. OAS members are as diverse as the science taking place in Ohio, and our programs support science from pre-college and college students through scientific professionals.

For more information about the OAS, please visit its website at <http://www.ohiosci.org>

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CITY	SCHOOL NAME	TEACHER
Akron	Buchtel Community Learning Center	Autumn Suel Colin Grindall Darlene Helems-Alaniz De'Anna Edwards Heather Hinkle Holly Henderson Jasmyne Anderson Liz Terrill Lon Cseplo Lynn Webb Madeleine Wheeler Minnie Carter-Page Nancy Kastor Tara Davis Virginique Whitmore
Akron	Ellet CLC	Angela Demchak Ann Rose Blake Beluscak Connie Coon Dr. John Guidubaldi Judith Sudomir Katherine Givens Kristen Domonkos Ronald Boldry Steve Carter Tammy Manno William Stone
Akron	I Promise School	Adrian Daley Amy Kaser Amy Rudd Andrea Scheks Angela Whorton Avery Apanius Bridget Casenhiser Caitlyn Lavenberg Carrie Musci Ellen Stoffer Hannah Cassetty Hannah Morber Heidi Thomas Ian Slifcak

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Akron	I Promise School	Jennifer Bechtel Jill DeMarino Kaley Prebonick Karadyn Cauffield Kay Low Kayla Whitlow Kaylah Tandy Kelley Pratt Kelli Pestello Kelsey Kent Kerry Meyer Kim Schlegal Kristen Hodas Krysten Bonacci Laura Jourdain Laura Wiedenfeld Leeda Shokalook Linea Maul Marianne Schauer Melissa Beitko Molly Kenney Monique Swain Morgan Wolf Sharday Suttles Stephanie Arnett Stephanie Chew Stephanie Zende Susan Mongold Tara Caporuscio Tyler Withem
Akron	Innes CLC	Adrienne Brown Amanda Rasor Amy Memmer Chantelle Ellis Gretchen Cusma John Koulinos Kaitlin Kinsey Kaylee Rykalla Kristy Johnson Mary McClung Matthew Butler

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Akron	Innes CLC	Melinda Wilms Samatha Fodor Tina Daniels Valerie Skelly
Akron	Jennings CLC	Angela Miller Arnita Skinner Ashley Jones Christopher Gruska Constantine Farmakidis Dam Schnaar David Blankenship Dawn Harper Donna Demes Dr Tracy Bess- Wilmington Elaine Wulff Elizabeth Poulos Elizabeth Walsh Erin Dittmer Heather Lecharia Isabel Sestito Jennifer Bowers Jennifer Cooper Jennifer Mayfield-Pluck Joanne Bell Joanne Cook Jodi Miller Karissa Ferrell Kathleen Ekama Kelly Eaton Kelly Fisher Kindra Beekman Makenzie Wickert Peyton Young Samika Thompson-Fryer Science Coach: Robert Green Shane Reed Sharon Greitzer Steve Culp Theresa Behrens Traci Balint Wanda Goggins

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Akron	Litchfield Community Center	Aaron Merz Bryan Bartlett Charlen Panovich Christine Paskiet Darlene Frost Deanna Baddley Don Berringer Jefferson Whited Katherine Lovell Kelly Guthrie Kristen Parker Morgan Greene Ph.D. Rebecca Moga Robyn Leasure Sandra Cline Scot Elkins Tiffany Lundy- Martin
Akron	Miller South VPA	Alex Funk Ashley Watts Connie Duff David Oravec Kate Ellis Laura Feltman Laura Valenza Marissa Hughes. Megan Houk Paul Stewart Ruth Roope Tracey Visco
Akron	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM MS	Angica Weaver Brenda Leighton Brett Beebe Chelsea Nicolino Christine Justiss-Simon Curt Crews Donna Wojcik Elizabeth Bugner Ellen Beldean Emily Butler Felicia Campbell

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Akron	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM MS	Jaclyn Waterman		
		Jason Labovitz		
		Jason Reitz		
		Jennifer Fillmore		
		Jessica Mitchell		
		Julie Demangeont		
		Kallie Walker		
		Katie Beal		
		Keri Rusinko		
		Lesley Trendell		
		Noah Hamrick		
		Perkins Pringle		
		Qing Liang		
		Rachandra Decatur		
		Rachel Testa		
		Samuel Kitzler		
		Sherry Hankinson		
Susan Hall				
Akron	North HS	Corey Dentler		
		Dana Starvaggi		
		David Krege		
		Janice Weaver		
		Kelly Dine		
		Marcia Torrence		
		Rich Eder		
		William Alkire		
		Anthony Rohr		
		Christina Friedl		
Akron	St Sebastian	Debra Landis		
		Jennifer Slegus		
		Jennifer Smee		
		Maggi Blischak		
		Megan Ritchie		
		Robert Dedinsky		
		Sally Weakland		
		Vicki Quinter		
		Anna	Anna HS	Carolyn Triplett
				Laura Waltos
Avon	Holy Trinity	Matthew Hess		
		Nancy Wild		

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Avon	Holy Trinity	Renee Hilditch
		Sandy Gorenc
		Sara Martin
		Sharon Lynch
		Tera Cowdin
Bay Village	St Raphael	Alison Nottingham
		Andrea Ruda
		Ellen Skonce
		Michelle Wise
Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	Crystal Current
		Debi Schwieterman
		Emily Cline
		Jennifer St. Pierre
		Kayla Bruggeman
		Kim Lord
		Shelby Sigman
		JP Davis
		Aaron Lorton
		Adam Love
Bidwell	River Valley HS	Amy Wujnovich
	The University School	Andrew Martin
Chagrin Falls	The University School	Dru McKeown
		Erik Bunce
		Jason Dyke
		Jim Seibyl
		Karen Axelrod
		Laura Dykes
		Mike Smith
		Paul Moody
		Peter Sweeney
		Robin Ketcham
		Sara Laux
		Terry Harmon
		Julie Fedak
		Sarah Allin
		Chardon
Carrie Hill		
Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	Chrissy Kessler
		Christy Fay
		Deborah Fyffe
		Dianne Cryder

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Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	Laura Corcoran Mindy Martin Natalie Byrd Taylor Woodbridge Terrina Fahnstock
	SCOPES Academy at Unioto Elementary	Davina Orr Dee Karshner Jenni Domo Katrina Borland Kristin Morrison Matt Sanderson Nick Pryor Patty Swanson Scott Howard
Cincinnati	Anderson HS	Alex Bove Corey Larrison Courtney Snider David Brandon Emily Dorsey Holly Lowden Jeff Rodriguez Jeffrey Granger Justin Good Louise Keep Patrick Rehl Taylor Rose Troy Spitzmueller
		Beth Brill Bill Benken Brett Granger Carmen Venditto Corey Mullins Erin Berling Gayle Garza James Glaser Lindsay Burton Peter Hoying
Dayton	Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Annette Dickerson Becky Kondritz Beth Allaire

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Dayton	Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Chris Kemper Elise Myers Jennifer Patrick Jennifer Schwertman Jill Klimaski Kim Krekeler Kimberly Sprowles Meagan Young Rachel Farran Victoria Haynes
Dayton	Carroll HS	Chrissy O'Malley Diane Keller Elizabeth Emser Katie Baker Laura Wright Laurie Fuhr Mary Ollier Meghan Mulligan Mike Lakin Todd Tayloe
Elyria	St Jude	Holly Arra Kathy Tollett
Kalida	Kalida HS	Robb Schultz
Kettering	Archbishop Alter HS	Jack Andersen Jaclyn Helt Jennifer Butler Kat Hoffman Michael Thuente Michelle Denny Michelle Popp Randy Reeder
Kettering	St Charles Borromeo	Chris Bigelow Debbie Waker Jodi Boeddeker John Bertke Katy Bundy Lisa Carlson
Liberty Twp	Mother Teresa Catholic	Amanda Ocariz Karen Geiger Lauren Austin Nikki Stewart

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Miamisburg	Dayton Christian School	Beth Ann Whitney Bill Norvell Mallory Fischer Tom Minor
N Ridgeville	St Peter	Andrea Byrne Ann Marie Hice Danielle Lindsey Donna Krupka Donna Stano Eileen Geiger Holly Trampush Jackie Masaveg Janis Van Dyke Meg Harasym Molly Reichle Nicole Pozega Niki Sherman Roger Brooks Terri Barlow
Newbury	St Helen	David Woodruff Melissa Joyce Natalie Hudak Shannon Hollowell
Ottawa Hills	Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior HS	Brooks Spiess Dan Feuerstein Diane Drabek Gerry Davis Hannah Lehmann Jeremy Nixon Joan Keckler Kristin Johnson Liz Puskala Mary Kate Hafemann Michael Leeds Nicole Silvers Patty Dowd Paul Genzman Tim Adkins Tony Torio
Parma Hts	Incarnate Word Academy	Adam Havel Alexis Flinn

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Parma Hts	Incarnate Word Academy	Cheryl Kaminski
		Claire Kovacs
		Cynthia Rossman
		Debbie Schieferle
		Elizabeth Grusenmeyer
		Hannah Cajka
		Jacob Halusker
		Jill Rolle
		Julianna Pavicic
		Kara O'Rourke
		Karen Micheli
		Katie Cuevas
		Kim Vacanti
		Linda Harb
		MaryBeth Schram
		Stacy Shalala
		Susan Szabo
		Theresa Hovanec
		Perrysburg
Miss. Margeaux Layman		
Mr. Aaron Kruse		
Mr. Jason Robertson		
Mrs. Andrea Areddy		
Mrs. Anne Brahier		
Mrs. Beth Johnson		
Mrs. Felicia Linder		
Mrs. Heidi Dulaney		
Mrs. Jennie Aubry		
Mrs. Kathy Ferguson		
Mrs. Kathy Henry		
Mrs. Katie Croci		
Mrs. Kristen Busse		
Mrs. Louise Sarra		
Mrs. Margie Sankowski		
Mrs. Marianna Stefan		
Mrs. Reyna Ham		
Mrs. Sara Dubois		
Mrs. Sharon Cichocki		
Mrs. Theresa Betori		
Mrs. Tracy Germann		
Mrs. Wendy Walkosky		
Ms. Erin Weiner		

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Sidney	Holy Angels	Carrie O'Leary Ellen Brandon Gwen Stiver Tony Wagner
Sidney	Lehman Catholic HS	Denny Maas Kevin Cameron Leah Velez Melissa Safreed Pam Wendel Sr. Ginny Scherer Tony Wagner Tracy Hall
Springfield	Northeastern HS	Christina Wilbur
Springfield	Ridgewood School	Colleen Huey Dan Metzger Heidi Earlywine Paul Sauter
St Clairsville	East Richland Christian School	Aaron Mostia Brian Yourko Jane Powell Jennifer Gooch Jessica Crumm Juanita Roxby Kama Martin Kari Yockey Linda Yourko Travis McKinley
Steubenville	Bishop John King Mussio Central JS	Julie Gonzalez Meagan Pirro Sandy Morelli Susan Fischer
Steubenville	Bishop John King Mussio ES	Amy Perez Leslie Bacich Sandy Morelli Tiffany Dobson
Sunbury	Big Walnut Intermediate	Amy Eikenberry Bob Keep Casey Wright Jennilyn Haer Karen Bodker Kaylee Holliday

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Sunbury	Big Walnut Intermediate	Megan Massingill Mike Stone Rina Hoge Stacey Hamilton Wendy Austin
Sylvania	Sylvania Northview HS	Andy Roth Greg Christy Kathryn Nelson Lauren Stewart Michelle Bogue Ryan Reed Sarah Rhine
Tipp City	Tippecanoe MS	Abbi Hohenstein Brad Koopman Cassie Schoch Curt Earl Dale Bonifas Karl Stanbery Molly Sanders
Wooster	St Mary Immaculate Conception	Alli Bureau Allison Eby Ashley Chittenden Carla Veil Cheryl Nicely Darryl Woods Deb Figley James Clark Lisa Owens Mary Boyer Sherri Metcalf Traci Stozyk