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48 OHIO SCHOOLS AND 615 TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S THOMAS EDISON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION

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Dublin, OH (September 11, 2023) . . . **The Ohio Academy of Science** today selected 48 Ohio schools and 615 teachers to receive **The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research** for their accomplishments during the 2022-2023 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 District Science Day or have 6 or more students participate in the 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 preparing students for the future through application-based learning," said Michael E. Woytek, the Academy's Executive Director. Woytek went on to say, "their students are learning and gaining confidence by solving complex problems through inquiry and technological design."

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. OAS members are as diverse as the science taking place in Ohio, and OAS programs support STEM research among pre-college and college students through the professional scientific community.

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

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CITY	SCHOOL NAME	TEACHER(S)
Akron	Akron NIHF STEM High School	Angela Hammelman Ben Graber Branko Nuss Brian Bennett Brienne Remenaric Colleen Schloss Dina Popa Jeff Caranna Jennifer Blankenship Joy Farrance Jun Chen Kailey Kellehan Katie Lovell Katie Metcalf Marvin Grandison Matthew Brooks Matthew York Michelle Johnson Mike Palumbo Monique Binkley Nate Cohen Sam Appleby Sammy AlDoory Sara Leffler Selena Myers Shane Dantz Su Hsien Hsu Tanner Hughes William Metcalf Zach Griffith
Akron	Buchtel CLC	Autumn Suel 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 Yvette Curry

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Akron	Ellet CLC	Angela Demchak Ann Rose Blake Beluscak Connie Coon Dr. John Guidubaldi Hannah Couch Judith Sudomir Katherine Givens Katherine Mertel Kristen Domonkos Nick Harris Ronald Boldry Steve Carter Tammy Manno Tracey Starks William Stone
Akron	Innes CLC	Alecia Wydeman Alisa Malarcik Amanda Rasor Amy Memmer Angela Marshall Chantelle Ellis Dee Perdue Gretchen Cusma Jaimie Bennett John Koulianos Justin Plas Kaitlyn Trent Katherine Palleschi Kaylee Rykalla Kristin Sheldon Kristy Johnson Laura Williams Lori King Lori Villanova Melinda Wilms Nicole Wright Sarah Adams Summer Lamp Tonia Merlo Tyler Gray Valerie Skelly Vanessa Vanzant

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Akron	Jennings CLC	Angela Miller Arnita Skinner Ashley Jones Christopher Gruska Constantine Farmakidis Dan Schnaar David Blankenship Dawn Harper Deonna Dixon Elaine Wulff Elizabeth Poulos Erin Dittmer Heather Lecharia Jennifer Bowers Jennifer Mayfield-Pluck Joanne Bell Joanne Cook Jodi Miller Kathleen Ekama Kindra Beekman Makenzie Wickert Margaret Graham Melissa Hirschfelt Michelle Jones Peyton Young Robert Green Samika Thompson-Fryer Sharon Greitzer Steve Culp Theresa Behrens Traci Balint Wanda Goggins
Akron	Litchfield CLC	Aaron Ettinger Aaron Merz Amari King-Johnson Bryan Bartlett Christine Paskiet Danielle Dachtler Donell Phipps Jefferson Whited Jennifer Cooper Maurice Jackson Morgan Greene, Ph.D. Rebecca Moga Robbie Connelly

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Akron	Litchfield CLC	Sandra Cline Scot Elkins Tiffany Lundy-Martin
Akron	Miller South VPA	Connie Duff Crystal Skropits David Oravec Kara Putnam Laura Feltman Laura Valenzza Malia Tschantz Marissa Hughes Megan Houk Neenah Bell Nichole Walje Ruth Roope Sarah Appleby Tina Lattimer Tracey Visco Vanessa Roberts
Akron	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM MS	Adrienne Brown Amanda Morgan Angela Zumbo Angica Weaver Brenda Leighton Brett Beebe Chelsea Nicolino Christine Justiss Donna Wojcik Elizabeth Bugner Emily Butler Jason Labovitz Jessica Mitchell Julie DeMangeont Kallie Walker Katie Beal Keri Rusinko LaTrese Sanders Michele Crum Perkins Pringle Qing Liang Rebecca Minc Sam Crews Sheneeka Rodgers

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Akron	North HS	Brian Zilla Cassandra Rondinella Christine (Lange) Meeker Corey Dentler Dana Starvaggi Eric Mathews Esther King Janice Weaver Jeannie LaFlame Kathleen Brown Kelly Dine Lindsey Trivisonno Marcia Torrence William Alkire
Akron	St Sebastian	Allyn Rose Anne Riede Cassie Laube Christina Friedl Debra Landis Giana Dandrea Jennifer Bradley Jennifer Slegus Jennifer Smee Kathy Cardarelli Lesley Starcher Maggi Blischak Mary Weitzel Megan Sanford Michele Kellner Michelle Antochow Robert Dedinsky Sally Weakland Sue Vernon
Anna	Anna HS	Jim Osborne Shaun Meyer Vicki Quinter
Avon	Holy Trinity	Carolyn Triplett Jean Spinazze Jennifer Hess Laura Waltos Matt Hess Nancy Wild
Avon	Holy Trinity	Renee Hilditch Sandy Gorenc Sara Martin

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Avon	Holy Trinity	Tera Cowdin
Bay Village	St Raphael	Amy Shell
		Andrea Ruda
		Ellen Skonce
		Jenna Baechle
		Madeline Bain
		Michelle Wise
		Nathaniel Tosi
		Nicole Graf
Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	Allie Bisignani
		Ally Gies
		Crystal Current
		Debi Schwieterman
		Emily Cline
		Janice Cook
		Jennifer St. Pierre
		Jenny Nickol
		Kayla Bruggeman
		Kyle Ferguson
		Lauren Duhan
		Lynzee Allen
		Shelby Herlihy
Bidwell	River Valley HS	John P Davis III
Brunswick	St Ambrose	Amy Morgan
		Cheryl Kubas
		Erin Kelly
		Garrett Birk
		Hayley Nerlich
		Jennifer Collins
		Joyce McCarthy-Reed
		Julia Kinley
		Kelly Thompson
		Laurie Hamzik
		Maria Grama
		Mariah Wood
		Nicole Shreve
		Paulina Velez-Girard
		Rachel Buttittar
		Stacey Gove
Brunswick	St Ambrose	Susan Kautzman
		Wendy Parente
		Wesleigh Stryker
Chardon	Chardon MS	Brent Hilston
		Jackie Brown
		Laura Taucher

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Chardon	Chardon MS	Melissa Efantis
Chardon	St Mary	Angel Emlaw
		David Petrovic
		Donna Henry
		Ericka Cardenas
		Linda Flynn
		Marie Lisachenko
		Mary Ann Marra
		Meg Pawar
		Megan Cooper
		Megan Tracy
		Patrick Gannon
		Sarah Allin
		Theresa Merkle
Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	Amanda Harper
		Ashley Tackett
		Casey Teets
		Christina Kessler
		Christy Fay
		Debbie Fyffe
		Dianne Cryder
		Laura Corcoran
		Leslie Fout
		Macie Alley
		Mindy Martin
		Rebekah Metzger
		Sarah Smith
		Taylor Bush
		Terrina Fahnestock
Chillicothe	Unioto ES SCOPES Academy	Jenni Domo
Chillicothe	Zane Trace HS	Jason Clark
		John Scott
Cincinnati	Anderson HS	Alex Bove
		Allyson Cassidy
		Corey Larrison
		Courtney Snider
		David Brandon
		Holly Lowden
Cincinnati	Anderson HS	Jeff Granger
		Jeff Rodriguez
		Justin Good
		Katelyn Calder
		Louise Keep
		Paige Orick
		Troy Spitzmueller

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Cincinnati	Turpin HS	Beth Brill Bill Benken Brett Granger Corey Mullins Erin Berling Gayle Garza James Glaser Lindsay Burton Peter Hoying
Cleveland	St Agatha-St. Aloysius	Dolly Goodwin Katie Shirilla Kristelle Matson Marcia Hatcher Mary Anne Okey Nick Gismondi
Dayton	Archbishop Carroll HS	Amie Bailey Cody Smith Diane Keller Elizabeth Emser Laura Wright Laurie Fuhr Mary Ollier Meghan Mulligan Mike Lakin Todd Tayloe
Dayton	Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Becky Kondritz Beth Allaire Carli Milano Elise Salzl Emily Kallenberg Holly Gabrielson Jill Klimaski Julie Conley Kathy Alexander Kimberly Patti Meagan Young Rachel Farran
Highland Hts	St Paschal Baylon	Anna Peko Carrie Hanus Diane Raguz Elizabeth Souers Elizabeth Uzzo Evamarie Cross Felice Ferrante Holly Herald

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Highland Hts	St Paschal Baylon	Kristian Martinson Moirra Popelka Nancy Dulzer Nicole Karpuszka Sheila Klepcyk
Hudson	Seton Catholic	Anne Farley Schoeffler Chris Bielecki Chrissie Booker Christina Roppel Chrystal D'Angelo Kathryn Dahlhausen Laura Zaleski Mary Ann Love Megan Ober Natalie Alexander Nicole Winiecki Nikki Poduch Rome Fiedler Sarah Motil Therese Stepanek
Hunting Valley	University School	Adam Love Amy Wujnovich Andrew Martin Bertrand Asobo Bob Farrell Bob Newill Chris Anne-Slye Dru McKeown Erick Carlson Erik Bunce Jason Dyke Jeff Pierce Jim Seibyl Karen Axelrod Laura Dykes Megan Aldrup-MacDonald Mike Smith Paul Moody Peter Sweeney Robin Ketcham Sara Laux Sean Grosz Terry Harmon
Kettering	Archbishop Alter HS	Caroline Miller Debbie Portman

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Kettering	Archbishop Alter HS	Jaclyn Helt Jennifer Butler Katherine Hoffman Kathy Riegel Michael Thuente Michelle Popp Michelle Denney
Kettering	St Charles Borromeo	Christopher Bigelow Debbie Waker Jodi Boeddeker John Bertke Katy Bundy Lisa Carlson
Lancaster	Fairfield Christian Academy	Dave Albert Diana West Jamie Roark Kari Cly Kelli Frye Kelsey Brake Madison Lucas
Lancaster	St Mary	Anita Yaple
Medina	St Francis Xavier	Beth Keany Carly Sandridge Christa Borling Christina Bresnahan Colleen O'Brien Elizabeth Cobb Hailey Jester Hayley Grunau Kaitlin Gesicki Kaitlyn Sharp Kelly Carlin Kristin Musacchio Lisa Zelenka Mary McAllister Nick Burns Nicole Fudale Pam Bugner Sarah Anthony Stephanie Baker Stephanie Novicky
Miamisburg	Dayton Christian School	BethAnn Whitney Bill Norvell Tom Minor

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N Ridgeville	St Peter	Andrea Byrne Angela Guerrieri Ann Marie Hice Carol Wittkopf Danielle Lindsey Donna Krupka Donna Stano Holly Trampush Jackie Masaveg Janis VanDyke Jessica Satanek Kelly DeGross Kiersten Sanfilippo Molly Reichle Nichole Pinta Nicole Pozega Roger Brooks Terri Barlow
N Royalton	St Albert The Great	Andrea Moore Ann Graber Bradford Dorland Caroline Halle Carri Metcalfe Cheryl Anderle Crystal Whipkey Debbie Schermaier Gianna Caroniti Jeff Stanowick Jessica Finn Kathleen Smith Kelly Beskid Rene Vondruska
New Lexington	New Lexington MS	Theresa Basch Angie Fondale Billie Hoag Casey Winnenberg Charity Smith Dave Burkhart Doug Fehrman Evan Davis Haley Davis Jacob Reyher Jerimiah Schlupe Jesse Wamack Jody Newlon

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New Lexington	New Lexington MS	Kim Mautz Lexi Ellis Michael Spurgus Paul Wollenberg Rob Brokaw Shannon George Stacie Hopple Taylor Maclam
Ottawa Hills	Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior HS	Caitlin Shawaker Dan Feuerstein Diane Drabek Gerry Davis Gloria Kreischer Gajewicz Janelle Fowler Jeremy Nixon Joan Keckler Kristin Johnson Liz Puskala Michael Leeds Nicole Silvers Patty Dowd Tim Adkins Tony Torio
Parma Hts	Incarnate Word Academy	Adam Havel Aimee Shipley Cheryl DelBane Christina Kotsanis Claire Kovacs Cynthia Rossman Debbie Schieferle Elizabeth Grusenmeyer Hannah Cajka Hannah Dunlap Jacob Halusker Jessica Battaglia Jill Rolle Kara O'Rourke Karen Micheli Katie Cuevas Kelly Foraker Kim Stieglmeyer Kimberly Vacanti Linda Harb Mallory Marsico Mary Beth Schram

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Parma Hts	Incarinate Word Academy	Stacy Shalala Suzan Szabo Theresa Hovanec Davey Traci Borden
Perrysburg	St Rose	Aaron Kruse Anne Brahier Beth Johnson Catie McNamara Cristina Morales Elizabeth Munger Ellen Kang Felicia Linder Jennie Aubry Jill O'Neal Julia Matthews Kathy Ferguson Kathy Henry Louise Sarra Mariana Steffan Rebecca Schmidt Reyna Ham Rich Brundrett Sara Dubois Sarah Turner Sharon Cichochi Stacy Miller Veronica Smith
Put-In-Bay	Put-In-Bay HS	Carol Cerny Craig Schuffenecker Dan Kowalski Jody Amsden Johnna Danes Katie Schneider Linda Rence Liz Knauer Melissa Kowalski
Salem	St Paul	Darby Hall Heather Livesay Teresa Sisson
Sidney	Holy Angels	Amanda Brandewie Carrie O'Leary Gwen Stiver Tony Wagner
Sidney	Lehman Catholic HS	Denny Maas Leah Velez

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Sidney	Lehman Catholic HS	Melissa Safreed Nick Wolters Pam Wendel Sister Ginny Scherer Stefanie Wilcox Tony Wagner Tracy Hall
St Clairsville	East Richland Christian Schools	Aaron Mostia Amanda Dillard Brian Yourko Diane Morris Eric Woods Jane Powell Jennifer Gooch Jessica Crumm Juanita Roxby Kama Martin Kari Yockey Larissa Orr Theresa Garrett Travis McKinley
Steubenville	Catholic Central High School	Meghan Marshall Tiffany Dobson
Wooster	St Mary Immaculate Conception	Alison Eby Alli Bureau Ashley Chittenden Carla Veil Darryl Woods Jim Clark Laura Marvin Mary Boyer Michael Seifried Sherri Metcalf Taylor Commings Theresa Williams