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### Ohio students become finalists for the Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair

Dublin, Ohio – A total of 95 students from 38 high schools competed at the **Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair**. Sponsored by the **AEP Foundation** and hosted by **CAS**, the Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair is a program of **The Ohio Academy of Science**. This highly competitive program offers the opportunity for Ohio's students to advance to **the Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF) May 10-16, 2025 in Columbus**.

### 2025 Regeneron ISEF Finalists Announced to represent the Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair

**Mr. Jack D'Cruz** – The University School, Cuyahoga

**Ms. Kyla Fallis** – Bath High School, Allen

**Ms. Kira Florek** - Mentor High School, Lake

**Mr. Mateo Johnson** – Metro Early College High School, Columbus

**Ms. Kara Jones** – Central Christian School, Kidron

**Ms. Anuki Mudalige** – Olentangy Orange High School, Lewis Center

**Mr. Anshul Sharma** - The University School, Cuyahoga

**Ms. Elena Zhu** - Upper Arlington High School, Franklin

**Mr. Michael Zhu** - The University School, Cuyahoga

These nine (9) students have been selected to compete at the 2025 Regeneron ISEF, where they will join 1,800 other students from 70 countries and territories to compete for nearly \$9,000,000 in scholarships and awards.

"These students have been led by their curiosity to find new discoveries and answers to their questions.", said **Michael E. Woytek, Executive Director of The Ohio Academy of Science**. This year's projects covered a wide range of scientific categories. The 2025 Finalists presented in the categories of Biomedical and Health Sciences, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Embedded Systems, Energy: Sustainable Materials and Design, Physics and Astronomy, Plant Sciences, Robotics and Intelligent Machines. Woytek added, "our program celebrates and encourages today's students to use inquiry and design to solve problems that improve the human condition and issues within our communities."

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Sponsored awards at the Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair included:

**American Psychological Association** – Evan Dan (Solon HS)

**Association for Women Geoscientists** – Kara Jones (Central Christian School)

**NASA Earth System Science Award** – Laasya Acharya (William Mason HS)

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** – Blessing Gyimah (Horizon Science Academy Columbus)

**Regeneron Biomedical Science Award** – Karina Krishnan (Beachwood HS)

**Naval Science Award** – Laasya Acharya (William Mason HS), Harhui Lee (Sylvania Northview HS), and Elena Zhu (Upper Arlington HS)

**Ricoh Sustainable Development Award** – Sathil Mehta (Tippecanoe HS)

**Society for In Vitro Biology** – Jack D’Cruz (The University School)

**U.S EPA** – Cole Bruderly (Southeast HS), Lucas D’Cruz (The University School), Jackson DeWitt (Global Impact STEM Academy), Kyla Fallis (Bath HS), Kira Florek (Mentor HS), Isaiah Fuhr (Rock Hill Sr HS), Blessing Gyimah (Horizon Science Academy Columbus), Liam Hartley (Milton-Union HS), Kara Jones (Central Christian School), Harhui Lee (Sylvania Northview HS), Ismael Masood (The University School), Adrian McKenzie (Dayton Regional STEM School), Audrey Nixon (Ottawa Hills HS), Maxwell Opel (Sylvania Northview HS), Samhita Paranthaman (William Mason HS), Shiv Patel (Anderson HS), Siya Patel (Anderson HS), Sur Patel (Anderson HS), Rebekah Repp (Sylvania Northview HS), Quinton Smith (Ottawa Hills HS), Collin Snider (Tippecanoe HS), Sarang Srikanth (William Mason HS), Dana Stan (New Albany HS), Dylan Vance (Benjamin Logan HS), Vatsal Varshney (Dayton Regional STEM School), Robert Whittington (Zane Trace HS), Ahsan Zamir (Sylvania Northview HS)

**U.S. Metric Association** – Michael Zhu (The University School)

**United States Air Force** – Mateo Johnson (Metro Early College HS), Charlie Pochet (Dayton Regional STEM School), and Griffin Quigley (The University School)

**Water Environment Federation / Stockholm Junior Water Prize** – Harhui Lee (Sylvania Northview HS)

**Yale Science and Engineering Association** – Daniel Lee (Sylvania Northview HS)

**John and Ruth Melvin Scholars** – The following students were selected to represent the Ohio Academy of Science at the 2026 American Junior Academy of Science Meeting (Phoenix AZ) and \$100 toward the AJAS registration:

Laasya Acharya (William Mason High School)

Nikhil Bhimireddy (Olentangy Liberty High School)

Ethan Chan (The University School)

Molly Chhabra (William Mason High School)

Evan Dan (Solon High School)

Ritav Das (Dublin Jerome High School)

Jack D’Cruz (The University School)

Lucas D’Cruz (The University School)

Aubrey Ernst (Tippecanoe High School)

Kyla Fallis (Bath High School)

Kira Florek (Mentor High School)

Keshav Goyal (Upper Arlington High School)

Audrey Jackson (Tippecanoe High School)

Rebecca Jacob (Solon High School)

Arjun Jain (Miami Valley High School)

Mateo Johnson (Metro Early College High School)

Kara Jones (Central Christian School)

Daniel Lee (University School)

Harhui Lee (Sylvania Northview High School)

Sahand Maleki (The University School)

Anuki Mudalige (Olentangy Orange High School)

Adharsh Narendrakumar (St Ignatius High School)

Samhita Paranthaman (William Mason High School)

Charlie Pochet (Dayton Regional STEM School)

Niklas Rietsch (The University School)

Anshul Sharma (The University School)

Bryan Shin (Solon High School)

Quinton Smith (Ottawa Hills High School)

Nandita Srikumar (Solon High School)

Dana Stan (New Albany High School)

Ela Van Oss (Tippecanoe High School)

Sophia Wu (Columbus Academy)

Elena Zhu (Upper Arlington High School)

Michael Zhu (The University School)

A total of 38 high schools were represented at the 2025 Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair.  
They include:

Anderson High School, Hamilton  
Bath High School, Allen  
Beachwood High School, Cuyahoga  
Beavercreek High School, Green  
Benjamin Logan High School, Logan  
Central Christian School, Wayne  
Columbus Academy, Gahanna  
Columbus School For Girls, Franklin  
Dayton Regional STEM School, Montgomery  
Dublin Jerome High School, Franklin  
Global Impact STEM Academy, Clark  
Hathaway Brown, Shaker Heights  
Hawken School, Geauga  
Horizon Science Academy Columbus, Franklin  
Mentor High School, Lake  
Metro Early College High School, Franklin  
Miami East High School, Miami  
Maimi Valley High School, Montgomery  
Milton-Union High School, Miami

New Albany High School, Franklin  
Olentangy High School, Delaware  
Olentangy Liberty High School, Delaware  
Olentangy Orange High School, Delaware  
Ottawa Hills High School, Lucas  
Rock Hill Sr High School, Lawrence  
Solon High School, Cuyahoga  
Southeast Local Schools, Portage  
Springboro High School, Warren  
St Edward, Cuyahoga  
St Ignatius High School, Cuyahoga  
Summit Country Day, Hamilton  
Sylvania Northview High School, Lucas  
The University School, Cuyahoga  
Tippecanoe High School, Miami  
University School, Chagrin Falls  
Upper Arlington High School, Franklin  
William Mason High School, Warren  
Zane Trace High School, Ross

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