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STEM Scholars compete for more than \$400,000 in Scholarships and Awards During **State Science Day 2025**

Dublin, Ohio – For 77 years, **State Science Day**, a program of **The Ohio Academy of Science**, has been the pinnacle of academic achievement for students pursuing inquiry-based scientific research and engineering design.

Drawing upon a base of nearly 10,000 students, a total of 796 students representing 187 schools from across Ohio competed for \$400,000 in sponsored awards and scholarships. The State Science Day program will culminate on May 10, 2025, when 240 students will be honored during a **Celebration of Science**, hosted by **The Ohio State University**. This day-long symposium and celebration will provide students with the opportunity to present their projects, tour research facilities, and interact with peers. A welcoming will be provided by Dr. Jason Reece, Vice Provost for Urban Research and Community Engagement and the keynote will be delivered by Dr. Matthew Wu, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, both from The Ohio State University. Lunch will include a State Science Day Alumni Panel.

Title Sponsors include **The AEP Foundation, Battelle, CAS, Cenovus, OhioEPA–The Ohio Environmental Education Fund, the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority–College Advantage, AMGEN Foundation, and ENGIE**. State Science Day also receives key support from the **Broadcom Foundation, Honda, Kokosing, and Taft Law**.

“State Science Day is a springboard for developing Ohio’s technical workforce”, said **Michael E. Woytek**, Executive Director, The Ohio Academy of Science. Woytek added, “a great number of these students will go on to obtain related STEM degrees and certifications. Additionally, State Science Day is creating a culture of innovation by inspiring the next generation of STEM talent needed to attract and retain critical industries and businesses in Ohio.”

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Several Ohio Departments and Centers fund awards for State Science Day. **The Governor’s Thomas Edison Awards** include Excellence in Student Research in Advanced or Alternative Energy; Advanced Materials, Biotechnology and Biomedical Technologies; and Information Technology. Sponsors for the Governor’s Awards are the **Office of Technology Investments**, the **Ohio Department of Development**, the **Ohio Environmental Education Fund** and several Edison Technology Centers.

The following schools will receive the **Harold C. Shaw Memorial Outstanding School Award***:

Athens Middle School, Athens County
Birchwood School of Hawken, Cuyahoga County
Columbia High School, Lorain County
Dayton Regional STEM School, Montgomery County
East Richland Christian Schools, Belmont County
Hawken School, Geauga County
Hilltop High School, Williams County
Horizon Science Academy Columbus, Franklin County
Mentor High School, Lake County
New Albany Intermediate School, Franklin County
Ottawa Hills High School, Lucas
Solon High School, Cuyahoga County
Solon Middle School, Cuyahoga County
St Charles Borromeo, Montgomery County
Sylvania Northview High School, Lucas County
The University School, Cuyahoga County
Tri-Village High School, Darke County
Upper Arlington High School, Franklin County
William Mason High School, Warren County

*The Harold C. Shaw Memorial Outstanding School Award is recognized as the highest possible school and team achievement at State Science Day. The award is based on a combination of high participation and project quality.

Additionally, several key sponsors also supported students with additional awards. **The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority** recognized elementary and middle school researchers by awarding **The College Advantage 529 Plan Award** and the **Broadcom Foundation** provided the **Coding with Commitment Award**.

Several students will be recognized for competing in multiple years at **State Science Day**. The following list of students receiving awards for this distinguished accomplishment:

Eight Year Awardees – Sadhil Mehta, 12th grade from Tippecanoe High School and Dana Stan, 12th grade from New Albany High School

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Seven Year Awardees – Winnie Bodin, 11th grade from Benjamin Logan High School, Kara Jones, 12th grade from Central Christian School, Addison Mullins, 12th grade from Wheelersburg High School, Allison Payton, 11th grade from Zane Trace High School

Six Year Awardees – Liam Hartley, 12th grade from Milton-Union High School, Laasya Acharya, 12th grade from William Mason High School, Aviraj Soin, 10th grade from Yellow Springs High School. Robert Whittington, 11th grade from Zane Trace High School

Five Year Awardees – Kyla Fallis, 12th grade from Bath High School, Haasini Mendu, 12th grade from William Mason High School, Aubrey Ernst, 9th grade from Tippecanoe High School, Audrey Jackson, 9th grade from Tippecanoe High School, Adharsh Narendrakumar, 11th grade from St Ignatius High School, Cuyahoga, Dhilen Soin, 10th grade from Yellow Springs High School, Maya Tang, 12th grade from Hathaway Brown

Four Year Awardees – Annia Ameer, 8th grade from Ridgewood School, Lucas D'Cruz, 9th grade from The University School, Cora Gutierrez, 10th grade from Tri-Village High School, Bharath Ramanujam 10th grade from Dublin Jerome High School, Maximilian Seifried, 8th grade from St Mary Immaculate Conception, Collin Snider, 12th grade from Tippecanoe High School, Kendall Wild, 9th grade from Bloom-Carroll High School, Evan Dan, 11th grade from Solon High School, Anna Helber, 8th grade from Zane Trace Middle School, Prem Koshal, 11th grade from Athens High School, Athens. Kaitlyn Miller, 12th grade from Columbia High School, Sophia Szolosi, 11th Athens High School, Athens, Autumn Vick, 8th grade from Zane Trace Middle School

For more information, including a complete roster of participating students and sponsored awards, please visit <https://ssd.ohiosci.org/2025-state-science-day-celebration/>

All State Science Day projects can be viewed at <https://partner.projectboard.world/oas/state-science-day>

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