

Dear Members and Friends of The Academy,

Happy Fall! As we bring the year to a close, we here at the Ohio Academy of Science have been reflecting on our successes of this past year. From our Annual Meeting to the State Science Day Celebration of Science and everything in between, we were able to have a lasting impact on our students and the scientific landscape in Ohio that we can build upon for the future. None of our accomplishments would be possible without the steadfast support of our network of volunteers, supporters, and members. We would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for helping us elevate scientific awareness and engagement throughout the state.

As we look back with pride on our previous successes, we also look ahead to our bold future. We have tirelessly redoubled our efforts to add value to our programs for this upcoming year. Whether by bringing State Science Day back in-person for 2026 or expanding the scope of our Annual Meeting (more on that below), we are confident that our efforts to better support our statewide community will pay dividends in Ohio's future economic landscape. Again, we would like to thank each and every person who contributed their time and effort to our mission. We count ourselves incredibly fortunate to have a network of such passionate supporters.



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The 134th Annual Meeting will take place in Fall 2026, marking an exciting new chapter in the long history of this distinguished event.



For more than a century, the Annual Meeting has served as Ohio's premier multi-disciplinary scientific conference, bringing together students, educators, researchers, and industry leaders to share discoveries, strengthen professional connections, and advance a culture of innovation across the state.

Hosting an event in October or November creates new opportunities to highlight Ohio's research and workforce strengths and will help increase statewide alignment with industry priorities. Additionally, the Annual Meeting will be expanding to a two-day event. This will allow us to create more avenues for connection between all our partners and participants. The 2026 meeting will feature plenary lectures, panel discussions, oral and poster presentations, and networking sessions that showcase the breadth of talent and innovation emerging from Ohio's campuses, laboratories, and companies.

As it has since its founding, the Annual Meeting will continue to provide a unique platform for undergraduate and graduate students to present their work alongside seasoned professionals, while fostering collaboration between academia, government, and industry. This evolution underscores the Academy's enduring mission: to cultivate scientific curiosity, accelerate innovation, and strengthen Ohio's workforce for the future.



The Ohio Academy of Science recently received a generous donation from Robert Rohrbaugh and family upon his passing. Bob was a Life member of the Academy, and he served as a section vice president, 1988-89. Bob always had a passion for science and teaching. He taught seventh-grade science at Jackson Middle School for 35 years.

His thoughtfulness for the Academy and its programs is humbling.



## The Ohio Academy of Science 2025-2026 Event Timeline

The Ohio Academy of Science is looking to showcase the achievements, journeys, and inspirations of our community of scientists, educators, innovators, and STEM enthusiasts.



This series will shine a light on members who advance the mission of the Academy through their dedication and impact.

We invite nominations of members who:

Demonstrate excellence in STEM fields (research, teaching, outreach, industry leadership, etc.).

Engage actively with the Academy or local STEM communities.

Have a compelling story about their path, contributions, or vision in STEM.

## Eligibility

Must be a current member of the Ohio Academy of Science.

Self-nominations and nominations by colleagues, students, or peers are welcome.

## Submission Process

Email your nomination to info@ohiosci.org with the subject line: "Member Spotlight Nomination – [Nominee Name]".