

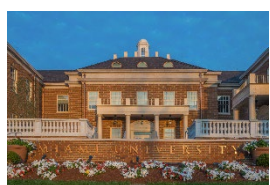


Fostering curiosity, discovery, innovation, and problem-solving skills

Each year, The Ohio Academy of Science (OAS), along with its members and volunteers, promotes science and science education in Ohio. Below are some highlights of the Academy's activities and accomplishments over the past year, and a look toward 2026.



**ANNUAL
MEETING**



The 133rd Annual Meeting was a joint meeting of The Ohio Academy of Science and the Ohio-PKAL (Project Kaleidoscope) at Miami University, Oxford on Saturday, April 12, 2025. The conference featured a common keynote address by Dr Ted Clark, from The Ohio State University, a panel discussion, lunch, poster sessions, and several concurrent oral sessions. The overarching theme of the

conference is "Workforce Development: Connecting College to Careers Through STEM Education."

<https://www.ohiosci.org/annual-meeting/>

In 2026, the **Annual Meeting will grow to a two-day convening** that brings academia, government, and industry together to strengthen Ohio's STEM pipeline. The meeting will be hosted by The Ohio State University in the Fall of 2026

The Ohio Journal of Science

The Ohio Journal of Science (OJS) is an online, open access, multi-disciplinary, scientific journal. As a benefit of membership, OAS members can publish manuscripts with no page charges. The OJS encourages submission of manuscripts relevant to Ohio but readily considers all submissions that advance the mission of the OAS to foster curiosity, discovery, and innovation to benefit society. For more information about the OJS, please contact **Dr. Barry Allred**, Editor ojis@ohiosci.org. To access all manuscripts and for more information about OJS policies and author guidelines, please visit

<https://ohiojournalofscience.org/index>



**Environmental
Protection
Agency**

Ohio Environmental Science & Environmental Engineering Scholarship

- This program is funded by The Ohio EPA's Environmental Education Fund.
- Nine students were awarded \$45,000 in scholarships.
- The nine students, attending 4-year universities, were awarded a \$5,000 scholarship each.
- Since 2000, \$1,192,450 has been awarded to 426 students from 52 different Ohio colleges and universities.
- The 2026 scholarship applications will open in February 2026 with a deadline of April 15, 2026. For more information, please visit <https://www.ohiosci.org/ohio-epa-scholarship-program/>



Ohio STEP is a STEM innovation and entrepreneurship program of OAS. This program is designed to promote critical thinking and the development of an entrepreneurial mindset through experiential and project-based learning.

Authentic research projects prepare students to meet the demands of a rapidly changing labor market where technology and innovation create new challenges, as well as new and rewarding opportunities. For more information visit: <https://www.ohiosci.org/ohio-step/>

Scholarships and awards totaling over \$21,000 were awarded to 17 plans. A total of 109 plans comprised of 148 students competed in the Virtual State Competition. View the 2025 Ohio STEP projects on ProjectBoard: <https://partner.projectboard.world/oas/steps24>

The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research

THOMAS EDISON AWARDS

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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 opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities.

This year, OAS was proud to recognize 76 schools and 1244 teachers with this distinguished award. For more information, please visit <https://www.ohiosci.org/governor-teacher/>.



State Science Day 2025

In the 77th Annual State Science Day, a total of 796 students representing 187 schools from across Ohio competed for \$400,000 in sponsored awards and scholarships. View the 2025 projects on ProjectBoard: <https://partner.projectboard.world/oas/state-science-day-24>

2025 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**

On May 10, 2025, 240 students were honored during a **Celebration of Science**, hosted by **The Ohio State University**. This day-long symposium and celebration provided students with the opportunity to present their projects, tour research facilities, and interact with peers.

For more information, including timelines and other details, please visit: <https://ssd.ohiosci.org/>

