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

Dublin, Ohio – A total of 106 students from 34 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 10-15, 2026, in Phoenix, Az.**

2026 Regeneron ISEF Finalists Announced to represent the Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair

Mr. Bradley Field – Chagrin Falls HS, Cuyahoga

Ms. Ayat Jaffar – Hawken School, Geauga

Ms. Anuki Mudalidge – Olentangy Orange HS, Delaware

Mr. Rishi Pampati – Walnut Hills HS, Hamilton

Mr. Sarang Skrikanth – William Mason HS, Warren

Ms. Nandita Srikumar – Solon HS, Cuyahoga

These six (6) students have been selected to compete at the 2026 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.

“The 2026 ISEF Finalist represents the very best pre-college, science research talent in Ohio.” said **Michael E. Woytek, Executive Director of The Ohio Academy of Science**. This year's projects covered a wide range of scientific topics, including key advancements for understanding patient suitability with cochlear implants, emerging material applications for solar cell technology, and machine learning models used to examine the condition of coral reefs. Woytek added, “our program celebrates and encourages today's students to use inquiry and design to solve problems that improve the human condition.”

Sponsored awards at the Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair included:

American Psychological Association – Rishi Pampati (Walnut Hills HS)

Citadel Securities Innovation Prize – Nithilan Murugesan (Dublin Jerome HS)

NASA Earth System Science Award – Bradley Field (Chagrin Falls, HS)

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Trevor Hall (Sylvania Northview HS)
Regeneron Biomedical Science Award – Jack D’Cruz (University School)
Naval Science Award – Adarsh Dinesh (Sycamore HS), Sarah Wang (William Mason HS)
Ricoh Sustainable Development Award – Venkata Chilakala (Walnut Hills HS)
Society for In Vitro Biology – Suri Zhu (Upper Arlington HS)
United States Air Force – Lucas D’Cruz (University School), Anuki Mudalige (Olentangy Orange HS), Quinton Smith (Ottawa Hills HS), Nandita Srikumar (Solon HS)
Water Environment Federation / Stockholm Junior Water Prize – Bradley Field (Chagrin Falls HS)
Yale Science and Engineering Association – Mateo Johnson (Metro Early College)

John and Ruth Melvin Scholars – The following students were selected to represent the Ohio Academy of Science at the 2027 American Junior Academy of Science Meeting (Chicago) and \$100 toward the AJAS registration:

Sammy Armanazi (The University School)	Sullivan Meneghetti (St. Edward High School)
Xander Bach (The University School)	Anuki Mudalige (Olentangy Orange High School)
Benjamin Bartyzel (Saint Ignatius High School)	Tharun Nambi (Olentangy Orange High School)
Nikhil Bhimireddy (Olentangy Orange High School)	Rishi Pampati (Walnut Hills High School)
Ethan Camp (The University School)	Aaryan Patel (The University School)
Ethan Chan (The University School)	Aryan Patel (The University School)
Molly Chhabra (William Mason High School)	Charlie Pochet (Dayton Regional STEM School)
Jack D’Cruz (The University School)	Shreyas Rajagopalan (The University School)
Lucas D’Cruz (The University School)	Medha Ramaswamy (Sylvania Southview High School)
Archishman Dey (Solon High School)	Quinton Smith (Ottawa Hills High School)
Ayushman Dey (Solon High School)	Sarang Srikanth (William Mason High School)
Bradley Field (Chagrin Falls High School)	Nandita Srikumar (Solon High School)
Neil Gera (William Mason High School)	Ravindra Sunkara (Olentangy Orange High School)
Shrikar Hemadri (Olentangy Orange High School)	Avery Wang (Seven Hills School)
Ayat Jaffar (Hawken School)	Sarah Wang (William Mason High School)
Mateo Johnson (Metro Early College High School)	Alex Zhang (Centerville High School)
Arisha Johri (New Albany High School)	Grant Zhou (Oakwood High School)
Henry Lu (Jerome High School)	

To visit the Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair and view the project displays, please use this link
<https://partner.projectboard.world/oas/bsef-2026>

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