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60th Annual State Science Day Awards \$2.9 Million in Prizes/Scholarships to STEM Scholars

The Ohio State University Office of Continuing Education (CEd) Hosted the Event

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 15 — On Saturday, May 10, 2008, 1,011 seventh–12th-grade science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) students representing 282 schools from 65 counties across Ohio exhibited their science research projects at the 60th annual **State Science Day**. Held at The Ohio State University's French Field House, 460 Woody Hayes Drive, and St. John Arena, 410 Woody Hayes Drive, in Columbus, the event honored students with nearly 100 scholarships and awards valued at more than \$2.9 million.

"**State Science Day** is Ohio's pinnacle of Ohio student-originated, inquiry-based science education," says Lynn Elfner (43212), chief executive officer of The Ohio Academy of Science.

Sponsored by The Ohio Academy of Science, American Electric Power, The Ohio Environmental Education Fund, and Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane, Inc., and hosted by The Ohio State University Office of Continuing Education (CEd), **State Science Day** is the academic equivalent of a state athletic championship and the top tier of one of the largest STEM education programs in the nation. Judges evaluate the scientific research and communication skills of student participants who advanced to the state-level competition from more than 16 district science days.

Among the many awards at **State Science Day** are Governor's Awards for Excellence in Student Research in agriculture and food science, biotechnology, environmental science, information science and technology, manufacturing sciences, materials science, and water resources research.

Students in grades 7–12 are eligible to compete in **State Science Day**. At the 2008 event, three students received special plaques for participating in **State Science Day** for their fifth time. Those students were: Catherine Eitel of Upper Arlington High School (Columbus, 43221), Hannah Cox of Zane Trace High School (Chillicothe, 45601), and Crystal Boykin of Walsh Jesuit (Brunswick, 44212). The four students who received the rare six-year awardee plaque for participating in **State Science Day** every year of their eligibility were: Brian Z. Hedges of Bloom Carroll High School (Carroll, 43112), Brock A. Hinig of Tuscarawas Valley High School (New Philadelphia, 44663), Vikram Santhanam of Upper Arlington High School (Columbus, 43221), and Rachel A. Yoho of Big Walnut High School (Galena, 43021).

Family members of the late Harold C. Shaw, a longtime science teacher and **State Science Day** judge from Eaton, were present to witness the attainment of the award named in his honor. The following schools received the Harold C. Shaw Memorial Outstanding School Award earned by schools that had at least four students who each received a superior rating or schools that had

more than four projects with 80 percent of the students receiving a superior:

Sylvania Southview High School (Sylvania, 43560)
Mentor High School (Mentor, 44060)
St. Charles (Lima, 45807)
Lehman Catholic High School (Sidney, 45365)
All Saints (Cincinnati, 45242)

For more information about **State Science Day** and the 2008 event results, including photos, visit statescienceday.osu.edu or call (614) 488-2228.

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Editor's Note: Attached is a roster of students by county for your reference. (**Please Note:** This report is in order by the county where the student lives, not attends school. You will find that individual schools are listed under more than one county, and not all students from one school will be listed together.) At ohiosci.org/2008SSDReportforWeb.pdf, you can access the 2008 State Science Day results. For high resolution event photos suitable for printing, contact Latina A. D. Rockhold, CEd public relations/communications coordinator, at (614) 688-3310 or rockhold.14@osu.edu or Lynn Elfner, The Ohio Academy of Science chief executive officer, at (614) 488-2228 or oas@iwaynet.net.