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Flint Regional Science & Engineering Fair Announces Junior and Elementary Division Winners

Results of “Virtual Science Fair” Live Streamed Thursday Night

Area 4th – 8th graders received the recognition justly deserved Thursday evening as their hard work and perseverance through the coronavirus pandemic was rewarded via a live-streamed awards program culminating the first-ever Flint Regional Science & Engineering Fair (FRSEF) “virtual science fair”.

After the annual Fair fell victim to the coronavirus situation, the Fair Board turned – naturally – to science and technology to save the day. Through the virtual fair, students uploaded their project reports, data points, photographs, notes, and other relevant materials to the FRSEF website. Judges downloaded the projects and reviewed them using a common rubric.

Earning top honors and cash prizes in the Elementary Division (grades 4-5) were:

- 1st (\$300) Anna Hansen, 5th Grade, Hahn Intermediate School, *Are You Protected?*
- 2nd (\$250) Amaya Graebert, 5th Grade, St. Clair Middle School, *We Got the Beat*
- 3rd (\$150) Muhammad Naijar, 5th Grade, Genesee Academy, *To Dry Or Not To Dry: Do Hot Air Dryers Spread Bacteria In Public Restrooms?*

Junior Division judging is divided into three categories: Earth/Chemical, Physical/Engineering, and Life Sciences, with ranked prizes in each category and a Grand Award winner chosen from the top finisher in each one. Earning top honors and cash prizes in the Junior Division (grades 6-8) were:

Earth/Chemical

- 1st and Grand Award (\$350) Matlyn Miller, 6th Grade, Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy, *Reducing the Carbon Footprint*
- 2nd (\$200) Hannah Ober, 7th Grade, Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy, *Effects Of Vitamins On The Yeast Fermentation Process*
- 3rd (\$150) Jacob Peterson, 8th Grade, Davison Middle School, *I Wet My Plants*

Physical/Engineering

- 1st (\$250) Jett Miller, 8th Grade, Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy, *Early Earthquake Detection*
- 2nd (\$200) Andrew Shorkey, 8th Grade, Davison Middle School, *Ultra Violent Ultraviolet*
- 3rd (\$150) Addison Wagner, 8th Grade, Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy, *Testing The Most Effective Recoil Pad Materials*

Life Sciences

- 1st (\$250) Mohamad Hashem Jafari, 6th Grade, Genesee Academy, *Getting Sick Might Be In Your Hands*
- 2nd (\$200) Madelyn Flynn, 8th Grade, Davison Middle School, *Surviving The Surge*
- 3rd (\$150) Sharmitha Bandla, 8th Grade, Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy, *The Effects Of Perchlorate And Turmeric On Daphnia Magna*

More than \$6,500.00 was awarded to this year's Elementary and Junior participants. Numerous Special Awards were also awarded by various local, regional, and national organizations. Special Awards recognition can range from cash prizes, to certificates and medals, to gift packages, to free summer science camps.

A complete list of winners is posted on the FRSEF website (www.flintsciencefair.org).

The awards program is available on demand on YouTube. Additionally, a "virtual public viewing" is possible by visiting the FRSEF website (www.flintsciencefair.org) and clicking on the news section.

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Now into its sixth decade of service, FRSEF continues to inspire and empower curiosity, investigation, and understanding through empowering science and engineering.

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