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STEM Scholars Competed for Nearly \$400,000 in Scholarships and Awards During State Science Day 2022 – Virtual 3.0

Dublin, Ohio – For 74 years, **State Science Day**, a program of **The Ohio Academy of Science**, has been the pinnacle of academic achievement for students pursuing inquiry-based scientific research and engineering design.

This spring, 603 STEM scholars in grades 5-12 competed for nearly \$400,000 in sponsored scholarships and awards. A total of 177 schools participated. State Science Day 2022 was sponsored by the **American Electric Power Foundation, Battelle, Broadcom Foundation, CAS, Charles River, Kent State University, Kokosing, Inc., the Ohio EPA, and the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority's College Advantage 529 Plan.**

"State Science Day is an experiential program that teaches students how to apply what they're being taught by using the scientific method or by constructing a prototype from a conceptual design", said **Michael E. Woytek**, Executive Director of The Ohio Academy of Science. Woytek added, "The long-term goal is to develop a future workforce that is capable of applying STEM knowledge to solve problems in manufacturing, engineering, health sciences, and technology-based industries."

Several Ohio Departments and Centers fund awards at **State Science Day**. **The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards** include Excellence in Student Research in Advanced or Alternative Energy; Biotechnology and Biomedical Technologies; Environmental Sciences and Information Technology. Sponsors for the Governor's Awards are the **Ohio Development Services Agency (Technology Division)**, the **Ohio Environmental Education Fund** and several Edison Technology Centers.

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Eight schools received the **Harold C. Shaw Memorial Outstanding School Award**, the highest possible school and team achievement at State Science Day.

Eastland Career Center, Groveport
Hilltop HS, West Unity
Mentor HS, Mentor
Athens MS, Athens
Sylvania Northview HS, Sylvania
William Mason HS, Mason
Archbishop Alter HS, Dayton
Carroll HS, Dayton

The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority recognized 5th and 6th grade researchers by awarding **The College Advantage 529 Plan Award** to 16 deserving students. These awards totaled \$16,000.

Students were also recognized for competing in multiple years at **State Science Day**. The following list of students were presented awards for this distinguished accomplishment:

Seven Year Awardees – Serena Kataria (Wheelersburg HS-Wheelersburg)

Six Year Awardees – Charley Clyne (Zane Trace HS-Chillicothe), Carsyn Hagans (Archbold HS-Archbold), Julie Sebastian (Bethel HS-Tipp City), John Shin (Hawken School-Gates Mills), Emily Swope (Bloom Carroll HS-Carroll), Mihir Vador (Dublin Jerome HS-Dublin), Wyatt Vick (Zane Trace HS-Chillicothe)

Five Year Awardees – Asantewa Bonna (Horizon Science Academy-Columbus), Kennedy Brehm (Bloom Carroll HS-Carroll), Snehal Choudhury (Jackson HS-Massillon), Luca Gagliano (Athens HS-The Plains), Sadhil Mehta (Tippecanoe HS-Tipp City), Bryn Morgan (West Geauga HS-Chesterland), Emily Plageman (Bloom-Carroll HS-Carroll), Marissa Shook (Ansonia HS-Ansonia), Dana Stan (New Albany HS-New Albany)

For more information, including a complete roster of participating students and sponsored awards, please visit <https://ssd.ohiosci.org/ssd-students/>

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