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40 OHIO SCHOOLS AND 436 TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S THOMAS EDISON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION

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Dublin, OH (September 4 2024) . . . **The Ohio Academy of Science** today selected 40 Ohio schools and **436** teachers to receive **The Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research** for their accomplishments during the 2023-2024 school year. Each school will receive a special Governor's Award certificate, and each teacher will receive a complementary membership to The Ohio Academy of Science. **The Office of Technology Investments, The Ohio Department of Development** funded the program.

The criteria for the Thomas Edison Award for Excellence are: (1) Conduct a local science fair with 12 or more students and have two or more of these students participate in the District Science Day or have 6 or more students participate in the District Science Day when no local has been conducted, (2) Students must participate in at least one more youth science opportunity beyond the classroom. The Ohio Academy of Science defines STEM education as both the mastery and integration of science technology, engineering, and mathematics for all PK-12 students. It incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based curricula to develop skills of communication, teamwork/collaboration, creativity/innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving.

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 experiential opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. "We are proud to honor these schools and teachers for preparing students for the future through application-based learning," said Michael E. Woytek, the Academy's Executive Director. Woytek went on to say, "the students are learning and gaining confidence by solving complex problems through inquiry and technological design."

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The Ohio Academy of Science initiated this educational partnership program in cooperation with **The Office of Technology Investments, The Ohio Department of Development** to recognize schools and teachers for excellence in STEM education and scientific student research.

"Today's young scientists are the architects of tomorrow's promising economic landscape, and we are so grateful for the invaluable role these schools and teachers play in supporting their pursuit of knowledge," said Lydia Mihalik, Director of the Department of Development. "Through their dedication to STEM education, these educators are empowering students to become the relentless innovators who will build a better future for Ohio."

About The Ohio Academy of Science

Founded in 1891, The Ohio Academy of Science (OAS) is a membership-based, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization. The Academy is the leading organization in Ohio to foster curiosity, discovery, innovation, and problem-solving skills. OAS members are as diverse as the science taking place in Ohio, and OAS programs support STEM research among pre-college and college students through the professional scientific community.

For more information about the OAS, please visit its website at <http://www.ohiosci.org>

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CITY	SCHOOL NAME	TEACHER(S)
Akron	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM MS	Adrienne Brown Angela Zumbo Angica Weaver Anne Harmon Brenda Leighton Brett Beebe Charles Page Chelsea Nicolino Christine Justiss Donna Wojcik Elizabeth Bugner Ellen Beldean Hui-Chung Chang Jackie Waterman Jason Reitz Jessica Mitchell Julie Demangeont Kallie Walker Kasey Jones Katie Beal Keri Rusinko LaTrese Sanders Michelle Crum Perkins Pringle Rachandra Decatur Rebecca Minc Robert Hargrove Sam Crews Shawn Artz Sheneeka Rodgers Sherry Hankinson

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Akron	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM MS	Sydney Barnette Tara Davis
Akron	St Sebastian	Allyn Rose Anne Riede Cassie Laube Christina Friedl Debra Landis Giana D'Andrea Jennifer Bradley Jennifer Kidder Jennifer Slegus Jennifer Smee Karen Swartz Kathy Cardarelli Kristin Dekatch Lesley Starcher Maggi Blischak Mary Heffern Mary Weitzel Megan Sanford Michele Kellner Michelle Antochow Molly Burns Robert Dedinsky Sue Vernon
Anna	Anna HS	Shaun Meyer Vicki Quinter
Athens	Athens MS	Laurie Campitelli Mary Ann Hopple Melanie McGrath Stephanie List
Avon	Holy Trinity	Amy Akosi

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Avon	Holy Trinity	Carolyn Triplett Jean Spinazze Laura Waltos Matt Hess Nancy Wild Renee Hilditch Sandy Gorenc Sara Martin Sharon Lynch Tera Cowdin
Bay Village	St Raphael	Amy Shell Andre Ruda Ellen Skonce Jenna Clancy Madeline Bain Michelle Wise Nathaniel Tosi Nicole Graf
Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	Allyson Geis Crystal Lohn Debi Schwieterman Emily Cline Janice Cook Jennifer Julian Kayla Guess Kyle Ferguson Lauren Duhan Lynzee Allen Shelby Herlihy
Brunswick	St Ambrose	Angelo Gasparro Ashley Suts Caitlin Hirsch

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Brunswick	St Ambrose	Cheryl Kubas Devon McMackin Jennifer Collins Joyce McCarthy-Reed Julia Kinley Kelly Thompson Kimberly Baga Laurie Hamzik Maria Grama Mariah Wood Mark Russo Michelle Dietrich Nicole Shreve Rachel Buttitta Rachel Robson Rebecca Shultz Scott Verba Stacey Gove Susan Kautzman Wendy Parente Wesleigh Stryker
Canal Fulton	Sts Philip & James	Angela Mackey Beth Hatfield Betsy Mitchell Donna Rovani Georgette Lavery Jennifer Burke Laurie McIntire Melissa Smith Michelle Hollar Molly Flory
Chardon	Chardon MS	Becky Mele Beverly Mysyk

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Chardon	Chardon MS	Bob Francis Brent Hilston Jackie Brown Kayla O'Brien Melissa Bryan Nicole Diehm Shane Quin
Chardon	St Mary	Angel Emlaw David Petrovic Donna Henry Ericka Cardenas Ken Krsolovic Korina Miljak Lee Ann Tamburrino Linda Flynn Marie Lisachenko Maryann Marra Megan Tracy Patrick Gannon Rachel Arthur Sarah Allin Thersa Merkle
Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	Amanda Harper Ashley Tackett Barb Apsley Casey Teets Christina Kessler Christy Fay Dana Wiseman Deborah Fyffe Dianne Cryder Jonna Johnson Laura Corcoran

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Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	Leslie Fout Macie Alley Mindy Martin Rebekah Metzger Sarah Smith Terrina Fahnstock Xavier Newsome
Chillicothe	Unioto ES SCOPES Academy	Jenni Domo
Chillicothe	Zane Trace HS	Jason Clark Jennifer Johnston John Scott
Cincinnati	Anderson HS	Alex Bove Allyson Cassidy Corey Larrison Courtney Snider David Brandon Holly Lowden Jeff Granger Justin Good Paige Orick
Cleveland	St Adalbert	Curtis Bixenstine
Dayton	Archbishop Carroll HS	Alexis Barnhart Amie Bailey Cody Smith Diane Keller Elizabeth Emser Gretchen Obergefel Laura Wright Laurie Fuhr Mary Ollier Meghan Mulligan

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Dayton	Archbishop Carroll HS	Mike Lakin Todd Tayloe
Dayton	Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Becky Kondritz Beth Allaire Carli Milano Cheryl Cole Jennifer Wright Jill Klimaski Joanna Freshwater Julie Conley Kathy Alexander Katie Donohue Kimberly Patti Lee Dapore Lori Noon Maria Schmiesing Mary Kincaid Victoria Haynes
Elyria	St Mary	Angie Pluta Kerry Faris Laura Chaves Laura Krese Lauren Weis Leah Bjorn Marita Leachko Melissa Guenther Miranda Faudress Natalie Kelley Natalie Popelka Peggy Quinn Rebecca Calmer Rhonda Kloock Sharon Urig

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Elyria	St Mary	Zoey Vargo
Englewood	Miami Valley Career Tech Ctr	Jennifer Foudray Joseph Beringer Matt Money Paula Wathen
Hunting Valley	University School	Adam Love Amy Wujnovich Andrew Martin Bertrand Asobo Bo Montanye Bob Farrell Bob Newill Chris Ann Slye Dru McKeown Erick Carlson Erik Bunce Jason Dyke Jeff Pierce Jim Seibyl Karen Axelrod Mike Smith Mostafa Rousta Paul Moody Peter Sweeney Robin Ketcham Sara Laux Terry Harmon
Kettering	Archbishop Alter HS	Deborah Portman Jaclyn Helt Jennifer Butler Katherine Hoffmann Kathy Riegel

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Kettering	Archbishop Alter HS	Michael Thuente Michelle Denney Michelle Popp
Kettering	St Charles Borromeo	Christopher Bigelow Debbie Waker Jodi Boeddeker John Bertke Katy Bundy Lisa Carlson
Lancaster	Fairfield Christian Academy	Dave Albert Diana West Heather Hollandsworth Jamie Arnold Kari Cly Kelli Frye Kelsey Brake
Lancaster	St Mary	Anita Yaple
Medina	St Francis Xavier	Beth Keany Carly Grey Christa Borling Christina Bresnahan Colleen O'Brien Elizabeth Cobb Haley Grunau Kaitlin Gesicki Karen Fravel Kelly Carlin Kristin Musacchio Lisa Zelenka Mary McAllister Megan Sawyer Nick Burns

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Medina	St Francis Xavier	Pam Bugner Sam Ziemer Sara Anthony Stephanie Baker Stephanie Novicky
Mt Vernon	St Vincent de Paul	Sharon Tharp
N Ridgeville	St Peter	Janis Van Dyke
Ottawa Hills	Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior HS	Anthony Torio Caitlin Shawaker Dan Feuerstein Diane Drabek Gerry Davis Gloria Kreischer-Gajewicz Janelle Fowler Jeremy Nixon Joan Keckler Kristin Johnson Liz Puskala Michael Leeds Nicole Silvers Patty Dowd paul Genzman Tim Adkins
Parma Hts	Incarnate Word Academy	Adam Havel Aimee Shipley Anne Hribar Cheryl DelBane Claire Kovacs Debbie Schieferle Elizabeth Grusenmeyer Emily Ruffing Hannah Cajka

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Parma Hts	Incarnate Word Academy	Hannah DeLuca Jake Halusker Jessica Battaglia Jill Rolle Karen Micheli Katie Cuevas Kelly Foraker Kim Stieglemeyer Kim Vacanti Linda Harb Lois Albert Mallory Marsico Mary Beth Schram Rebecca Zullo Stacy Shalala Sue Szabo Theresa Havanec-Davey Traci Borden
Put-In-Bay	Put-In-Bay HS	Adam Danes Carol Cerny Craig Schuffenecker Dan Kowalski Jody Amsden Johnna Danes Katie Schneider Linda Rence Liz Knauer Madeline Pugh Melissa Kowalski
Salem	St Paul	Darby Hall Dominique Moeller Sue Sowa Teresa Sisson

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Sidney	Holy Angels	Amanda Brandewie Carrie O'Leary Gwen Stiver
Sidney	Lehman Catholic HS	Denny Maas Jackie Homan Melissa Safreed Nick Wolters Sr. Ginny Scherer Tony Wagner Tracy Hall
Springfield	Global Impact STEM Academy	Alex Henz Alyssa Allen Alyssa Clark Amy Jo Henry Andrea Dettwiller Andrea Keener Andy Bonar Avery Colvin Bekah Miller Ben West Brandon Williams Brett West Caleb Lingenfelter Chad Fyffe Cody Wright Collin Gierke Erika Graver Ethan Hatch Georgianne Downing Heather Swensen Holly Dilts Holly Hogan

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Springfield	Global Impact STEM Academy	Jese Shell Jon Henry Jordan Lindsey Josh Londergan Katy Wright Leah Ruby Nikki Turner Olivia Pflaumer Rachel Sanders Sam Klug Scott Spohler Steve Sexton Trisha Seckel
Springfield	Ridgewood School	Dan Metzger Megan Newell Paul Sauter Rachel Mc Laughlin Tami Milam
St Clairsville	East Richland Christian Schools	Aaron Mostia Amanda Dillard Beverly Green Brian Yourko Dawn George Diane Morris Eric Woods Jennifer Gooch Jessica Crumm Juanita Roxby Juliann Thornton Kama Martin Kari Yockey Larissa Orr Melissa Williams

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St Clairsville	East Richland Christian Schools	Theresa Garrett
Steubenville	Catholic Central High School	Bo Caviezel Meghan Marshall Tiffany Dobson
West Unity	Hilltop HS	Bryce Cooley Cristin Hagans Troy Cummins
Wooster	St Mary Immaculate Conception	Alison Eby Alli Bureau Ashley Chittenden Darryl Woods James Clark Laura Marvin Mary Boyer Michael Seifried Sherri Metcalf Theresa Williams