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Students Win Science & Engineering Fair Awards



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – More than 600 middle and high school projects from Houston and Peach counties were entered into the Houston Regional Science and Engineering Fair held at the Museum of Aviation. Forty-two Houston County students received first-place awards and qualified to compete at state. Two individuals won the senior grand prizes and two individuals won the junior grand prize in the Regional Competition. In addition, approximately 100 projects were awarded special awards.

Professionals judged the students' work, looking for scientific, creative presentations and projects that contribute new information and the student's level of understanding about the topic. Of the 44 first-place winners, four won individual, "best of the best" grand prizes at the regional level. The winners were:

- Shivani Dhir, Mossy Creek Middle School, junior division;
- Vaish Narain, Mossy Creek Middle School, junior division;
- Aakrita Alisha Arora, Warner Robins High School, senior division; and
- Kristen Walker, Warner Robins High School, senior division.

Those who competed in the State Science Fair, held Apr. 1-3, 2010, at the University of Georgia won several special awards. **Camden Wing**, a student at **Bonaire Middle School**, **won the Grand Prize Award for the junior division** in this state competition. Camden's honors science teacher, Janine Davis, said, "Only four projects in the state were chosen for this award. This is a huge honor for Camden, and we are so proud of her." Camden is pictured with her project and her awards.

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Congratulations to all of the first-place winners who qualified for the state competition. They are named below by school.

- Bonaire Middle: Avery Coggins, Kevin Daniels, Joseph Davis, Sean Dunham, Joshua Hatfield, Kenny Higginbotham, Matthew Huntt, Kathryn Kicklighter, Trevor Pennycuff, Brandon Rockwell and Camden Wing
- Feagin Mill Middle: Tyler Julson, Alan Molina, Tyler Purvis, Justin Saetia, Cullen Shope and Amber Wright
- Huntington Middle: Ian Adams, Anna Bell, Breann Bowden, Jarrod Crum, Christina Hill, Bethany Johnson Nicholas Narsing, Araine Page and Bryson Saunders
- Mossy Creek Middle: Ian Clester, Shivani Dhir, Vaish Narain, Aamanya Raval and Alexis Tillery
- Northside Middle: Peyton Raley
- Perry Middle: Madison Voss
- Thomson Middle: Erika Cottrell and Stephanie Nguyen
- Warner Robins Middle: Camille Bagwell, David Jefferson and James Pressey
- Houston County High: Shelly Hester and Sofia Rodriguez
- Warner Robins High: Aakriti Arora and Kristen Walker

Dr. Ann Williams-Brown, coordinator of science, served as the director of the regional fair. The chairperson of the scientific review committee was Cherri Nix, Houston County High School science teacher. For more information, they may be contacted at Ann.Williams-Brown@hcbe.net or Cherri.Nix@hcbe.net respectively.

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