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Students Win Science & Engineering Fair Awards



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – More than 750 middle and high school projects from Houston and Peach counties were entered into the Houston Regional Science and Engineering Fair held Feb. 2 – 4 at the Museum of Aviation. Thirty-seven Houston County students received first-place awards and thus qualified to compete at state. Four students won individual grand prizes - two each in the junior and senior divisions. In addition, approximately 150 projects were awarded special awards.

Professionals judged the students' work, looking for scientific, creative presentations, projects that contribute new information and projects that reflect the student's understanding of the topic. Many thanks to businesses that sponsored meals for 100 judges and teachers over two days of judging:

- Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce Aerospace Industry Committee;
- Stevi B's of Warner Robins; and
- Mercer University Engineering Research Center (MERC).

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Of the 37 first-place winners, four won individual, grand prizes. The seniors qualified to compete at the International Fair held May 8 – 13, 2011, in Los Angeles, Cal. The “best of the “best” winners are:

- Cullen Shope, Feagin Mill Middle School, junior division (pictured on left);
- Shivani Dhir, Mossy Creek Middle School, junior division;
- Willa Wang, Veterans High School, senior division; and
- Kristen Walker, Warner Robins High School, senior division.

Congratulations to all of the first-place winners who qualified to compete at the State Science Fair which will be held in Athens, Ga. at the University of Ga., April 1 - 2, 2011. They are named below by school.

- Bonaire Middle: Cameron Black, Brandon Bodony, Hunter Branham, Avery Coggins, Kevin Daniels, Jacob Elliott, Amanda Guimond, Kenny Higginbotham, Katie Kicklighter, Beth Rockwell and Camden Wing
- Feagin Mill Middle: Sabina Banit, Alexa Boyd, Abigail Boykin, Julie Hong, Hunter Hufnagel, Zachary Purvis, Justin Saetia and Cullen Shope
- Huntington Middle: Nadia Schwingle
- Mossy Creek Middle: Shivani Dhir, Layne Dorough, Ian LeBorious, and Dylan Quintal
- Northside Middle: Daniel Underwood and Stormy Watson
- Thomson Middle: Erika Cottrell and Ashley Scully
- Warner Robins Middle: Lindsay Lehman and Layton Sheets
- Houston County High: Ryan Powell, Aamanya Raval and Aarjavi Raval
- Veterans High: Somnath Das, Lauren Dietter and Willa Wang
- Warner Robins High: Kristin Walker

Feagin Mill Middle students are pictured. From left are: Cullen Shope, Alexa Boyd and Sabina Banit. 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, Veterans High 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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