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MWRD Board of Commissioners honors award-winning student scientists

The 62nd Chicago student science fair season has come to a close, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners recently rewarded winning students with certificates and a Chicago River boat tour.

The award-winning student scientists presented their project summaries and results to the MWRD Board of Commissioners in MWRD's downtown Chicago

board room. Many of the projects reflected several months of data collection and analysis on topics such as toilet paper durability in various water environments, mineral content in bottled water and the effect of acid on bacteria.



MWRD Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany presented an award to 7th grader Desmond O'Keefe, from Christ the King School. Desmond's project was titled "Which Bottled Waters Have the Most Mineral Content?"

The road to the MWRD board room started earlier in the school year. Seventh through 12th grade private and public schools students had to win the top prize at their respective schools' science fairs then win during the regional science fair held at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago in March.

Following the presentations, students and their families toured the Chicago River and Lake Michigan by boat.

"All of the students are to be commended for their hard work," said Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany, chairman of the MWRD's Public Information and Education committee. "It takes ingenuity to develop the concept, and it takes commitment and perseverance to follow through. I also applaud the parents and teachers for providing children with the guidance they need on these scientific endeavors."

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