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MWRD Board of Commissioners awards student scientists

Every year, representatives from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) join more than 300 scientists, engineers and other professionals in judging seventh through twelfth grade private and public Chicago student science projects. The 63rd annual citywide science fair competition culminates in a MWRD Board of Commissioners award presentation and Chicago River boat tour.

Students who win top honors at their respective schools' science fairs advance to the regional competition held at the Museum of Science and Industry in March. Sample projects included determining the effects of microwave radiation on plants and human health to gaining a better understanding of the effect of acid rain on plant growth.

Following the distribution of certificates in the MWRD Board room, the student scientists and their families toured the Chicago River and Lake Michigan by boat as a real-life MWRD scientist shared information about the real scientific work of the agency.

"The commissioners always look forward to greeting students to learn more about the students' interpretations and vision," said Commissioner Debra Shore, chairman of the MWRD's Public Information and Education committee. "Many of the projects reflected several months of data collection and analysis, so it is wonderful to see their hard work resulting in this special celebration."



Commissioner Debra Shore with Raymond Qualls, a seventh grader at Frazier Magnet School, whose project was titled "Power of Wind and Alternative Energy."

2013 Science Fair award winners

Grade 7

Belal Asfour, Universal School
Grace Buono, Francis W. Parker School
Colleen Curtin, Dore School
Brandon Hagen, Hendricks Academy
Claire Herrin, St. Monica Academy
Samuel Hoffman, St. Paul of the Cross School
Britt Kiokemeister, St. Paul of the Cross School
Keira Kirby, St. Walter School
Michael Marino, St. Paul of the Cross School
Fiona O'Brien, Edison Regional Gifted Center
Danielle O'Gara, St. Monica Academy
Raymond Qualls, Frazier I.B. Magnet School
Radhwa Ramadan, Universal School
Justyna Sieklucki, St. Constance School

Grade 8

Noor Al-Shrideh, Universal School
Anna Alvarez, St. Ferdinand School
Julia Asfour, Universal School
Janan Badier, Universal School
Nathan Bannon, St. Francis Borgia School
Pam Conley, St. Cornelius School
Peter Cwik, St. Daniel the Prophet School
Alex De Bolt, St. Edmund Parish School
Shannon Donnelly, St. Mary's of Riverside
Isha Gani, Lane Technical High School
Jacob Kayser, Hawthorne School
Nazia Khaleel, College Preparatory School of America
Enez Korkmaz, Science Academy of Chicago
Maxwell Ortolono, Chicago Academy
Kiana Parsons, Lenart School
Magdalen Rivas, Hawthorne School
Kyra Sadovi, Queen of Angels School
Safa Slote, St. Mary of Riverside School
Fey Villagomez, Dore School
Hugh Yeh, Lane School

Grade 9

Hiba Alwatci, Universal School
Alexander Castro, Lincoln Park High School
Brayan Licea, Benito Juarez Community Academy
Twinkle Philip, Von Steuben High School
Daisy Piñeda, Northside College Preparatory High School
Amelia Watkins, Lincoln Park High School
Samuel Wischneysky, Whitney Young High School

Grade 10

Venkat Chikkala and Emily Conde, Von Steuben High School
Bushraa Shamshuddin, Lane Technical High School

Grade 11

Nour Asfour, Universal School
Jesus Ramirez, Lake View High School
Safa Slote, Chicago Math and Science Academy

Grade 12

Alexander Gasca and Walter Kinderman, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School
Jasmine Muhammad, Morgan Park High School