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Science Fair winners to be honored at MWRD's "Celebration of STEM" event at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant on June 26

- WHO:** Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD)
- WHAT:** "Celebration of STEM" event to honor local student researchers
- WHERE:** Stickney Water Reclamation Plant Auditorium, 6001 W. Pershing Rd., Cicero, IL
- WHEN:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 9 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.



MEDIA NOTES: Please plan to show photo ID at the police gate before entering property. Event location is in the first building on the left. This event offers many photo opportunities and moments to speak with students, including the science fair expo, after the award ceremony or as honorees tour the facility.

The MWRD is hosting a "Celebration of STEM" event to honor Chicago Public and Non-Public science fair participants. The celebration begins with a mini-science fair expo at 9 a.m. where honorees will showcase their research to MWRD experts in the fields of wastewater treatment and stormwater management followed by the award ceremony at 10 a.m. The students and their guests will then attend a STEM career presentation by Principal Environmental Scientist Geeta Rijal, Ph.D., RM, BCES, who will discuss her role and her journey to becoming an expert in the field of microbiology.

The MWRD's "Celebration of STEM" event brings young scientists and environmental enthusiasts face-to-face with the people working both behind the scenes and at the forefront of wastewater treatment to protect the region's water supply source, Lake Michigan.

These students, ranging in grades seven to 12, participated in the annual Chicago Public or Non-Public Schools science fairs held in March at the Illinois Institute of Technology and the Museum of Science and Industry. The MWRD selected the 50 winning students based on their research in the categories of Environmental Science and Ecology.

The MWRD has participated in the Chicago Public and Non-Public Schools' annual science fairs for over 20 years, bringing recognition to the students' achievements in their research while also educating winners about the direct impact their studies could have on the water sector.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.