2020 Special Awards

The American Meteorological Society offers a certificate and the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition adds a \$25.00 gift card to two students whose projects earned recognition for the study of atmospheric conditions or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences.

From Orlando Science Middle School, Shrey Trivedi And from Orlando Science Middle School, Sophia Hosein

The American Psychological Association offers a certificate and the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition offers a \$25.00 gift card to a Junior student and a Senior student who best met their criteria in the area of Behavioral Science.

From Leaders Preparatory School, Yussuf Chakfe And from Trinity Preparatory School, Isha Shukla

Apenberry's Nursery awards a \$25 gift certificate to one student for outstanding research in the Plant Sciences

From Lake Eola Charter School, Gavin Moffatt

Ardaman and Associates awards a plaque and a \$100 Amazon.com gift card to one student for outstanding research in Environmental Science

From Orlando Science Middle School, Tiffani Gay

The Association for Women Geoscientists awards a female student whose project exemplifies high standards of innovativeness and scientific excellence in the geosciences. In addition, the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition adds a \$25.00 Gift Card.

From Lake Eola Charter School, Kaya Braggs

ASM Materials Education Foundation – A preliminary certificate and a ribbon are awarded to a project demonstrating the materials paradigm and clarity in presentation. The ribbon is awarded after receipt of the results by the foundation.

From Maitland Middle School, Samuel de Bodisco

CDM Smith – Awards a \$25 gift card and a CDM Smith Logo "Swing Bag" containing sports accessories to the student who displayed a creative application in *Environmental Science*

From Trinity Preparatory School, Lene Mortimer

CDM Smith – Awards another \$25 gift card and a CDM Smith Logo "Swing Bag" containing sports accessories to the student who displayed a creative application in the area of *Environmental Engineering*.

From Maitland Middle School, Samuel de Bodisco

The Florida Association of Science Teachers (F.A.S.T.) awards a certificate and \$25.00 to two students: one in the Junior Division and one in the Senior Division, whose projects exemplified creative research in any area. The President of the Florida Association of Science Teachers, Amy Trujillo, is here tonight to present the awards to:

From Lake Eola Charter School, Elise Rina And from Lake Highland Preparatory School, Sonia Shah

The International Community School offers a \$25 gift card to a student whose project demonstrated application of the Scientific Method to an original idea in the Physical Sciences

From Wedgefield School, Malerie Scammey

Leaders Preparatory School offers a \$25 gift card and a certificate to seven students who performed thorough research that potentially could impact science and society.

From Leaders Preparatory School, Bassim Brini
From Orlando Science Middle School, Sarina Shah
From St. John Vianney Catholic School, Daniel Moreno
From Maitland Middle School Zachary Rediske
From Leaders Preparatory School, Ismail Mohammed
From Maitland Montessori School, Alexander Khah
And from Leaders Preparatory School, Dania Chaaban

Lukas Nursery offers a \$25 gift certificate to a student whose project exemplified outstanding research in the Plant Sciences

From Maitland Montessori School, Daemon DuBois

Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society – Awards a certificate and congratulatory letter to a student whose project displayed a challenging, original, thorough, and creative investigation of a problem involving mathematics. In addition, the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition adds a \$20.00 gift card to this award.

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Asha Reddy

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) offers a certificate and the Dr. Ying Orange County Science Exposition offers a \$25.00 gift card to two students whose projects demonstrated insight into Earth's interconnected systems (atmosphere, climate, geosciences, environment, etc.)

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Aliza Hason And from International Community School, Lillie Shoemaker

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): awards a certificate to two students, and a congratulatory letter to the students' teachers. The projects involved research that emphasizes climate, weather, oceans, coasts, and conservation of aquatic ecosystems. In addition, the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition adds a \$20.00 gift card to these awards.

From Trinity Preparatory High School, Lene Mortimer And from Orlando Science Middle School, Tiffani Gay

The Office of Naval Research awards a certificate and medallion to the following junior division students:

From International Community School, Lillie Shoemaker From Orlando Science Middle School, Tiffani Gay From Orlando Science Middle School, Sophia Husein From Lake Nona Middle School, LilianaTorres From Orlando Science Middle School, Pragya Potluri

The Office of Naval Research also awards a certificate, medallion, and a gift card to the following senior division students:

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Jeffrey Zhou From Trinity Preparatory School, Lene Mortimer From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Anne Fang And from Lake Highland Preparatory School, Arjun Verna

Peterbrook Chocolate of Winter Park offers a \$25.00 gift card to two projects in the Junior Division that best met their criteria of outstanding research in the area of Behavioral Science

From Lake Eola Charter School, Aniston Wilson

Ricoh Americas Corporation awards a certificate and publicity on the RICOH website and the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition adds a \$20.00 gift card to the project that displayed technological and scientific innovations that best reflect the principles of sustainability.

From Trinity Preparatory School, Lene Mortimer

Saint Margaret Mary Catholic School offers the "Mr. C Award", in memory of a beloved science teacher who lost his battle with cancer. The following five students are receiving this award:

From International Community School, Caden Mitchell From Leaders Preparatory School, Suad Al-Gumary From Lake Eola Charter School, Sofia Zalazar From Wedgefield School, Chloe Bonanno And from St. John Vianney Catholic School, Taylor Perno

The Society for In-Vitro Biology awards a certificate, congratulatory letter, and the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition adds a \$25 gift card, to the student whose project exhibited plant or animal in vitro biology or tissue culture.

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Ahad Ansari

The Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition awards a certificate, and the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition adds a \$25.00 gift card to a *senior* division student who exhibited an outstanding water-related project.

From Orlando Science High School, Matthew Boughton

The Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition also awards a certificate, and the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition adds a \$25.00 gift card to a junior division student who exhibited an outstanding water-related project.

From Wedgefield School, Christopher Bilbruck

U. S. Air Force – The U. S. Air Force encourages studies in mathematics, physics, and engineering and endorses projects that offer Air Force applicability. The following students or teams will receive a certificate enclosed in an Air Force folder, a sling pack, power bank charger, dog tag, USB flash memory drive, and a dual USB car charger.

From Orangewood Christian School, Elise Ralph From Maitland Montessori School, Brandon Hughes From Lake Eola Charter School, Stavros Dimos And from Lake Eola Charter School, Lily Matos

The United States Agency for International Development Award is given to a student whose project best represents the mission and vision of USAID, to end extreme poverty and to promote resilient, democratic societies while advancing our security and prosperity. The Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition adds a \$25.00 gift card to

From International Community School, Gavin Philips

The U. S. Metric Association awards a certificate and the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition adds a \$20.00 gift card to a student who used the greatest variety of metric measurements and symbols, and uses them properly.

From International Community School, Lillie Shoemaker

The Yale Science and Engineering Association awards a certificate and a pewter medallion to an outstanding Senior Division student in one of the following categories: Computer Science, Engineering, Physics, or Chemistry

From Trinity Preparatory School, Andrew Zhang

2020 Category Awards Honorable Mention

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Animal Sciences goes to:

From St. John Vianney Catholic School, Ethan Thompson

From St. John Vianney Catholic School, Victoria Justiniano-Rodriguez

And from International Community School, Isabella Linville

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Behavioral and Social Science goes to:

From Lake Eola Charter School, Esthernaya Tilus

From St. John Vianney Catholic School, Sophia Cossio

And from Lake Eola Charter School, Jamison Truett

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Biomedical & Health Sciences goes to:

From St. John Vianney Catholic School, Rodrigo Morales

And from Orlando Science School, Zara Serrano Diaz

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Cellular/Molecular Biology and Biochemistry goes to:

From Leaders Preparatory School, Jenna Kawasmeh

And also from Lake Eola Charter School, Julia Pack

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Chemistry goes to:

From Lake Eola Charter School, Jazlynn Hammond

From Leaders Preparatory School, Adam Joseph

And from Maitland Middle School, Alona Virichenko

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Earth & Environmental Sciences to:

From Leaders Preparatory School, Yazan Chakfe

From Maitland Montessori School, Harper Miller

From Orlando Science Schools, Alexander Miller

From Lake Eola Charter School, Kaya Braggs

From Lake Eola Charter School, Celia Gomez

From Maitland Montessori School, Samuel Miller

From Trinity Preparatory School, Cara Mortimer

From Lake Eola Charter School, Rye Johnson

And from Lake Nona Middle School, the team of Safi Ali, Arya Kalidindi and Aditya Krishna

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Engineering goes to:

From Lake Eola Charter School, Micah Okunlola

From St. John Vianney Catholic School, Christian Williamson

And from Lake Nona Middle School, Lovisa Armstrong

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Environmental Engineering goes to:

From Leaders Preparatory School, Ahmed Mohammed

And from Lake Eola Charter School, Ella Meitis

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Intelligent Machines, Robotics and Software Systems goes to:

From Maitland Middle School, Nico Scivally

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Mathematics and Computation goes to:

From St. Margaret Mary Catholic School, Chloe O'Connell

And from Lake Nona Middle School, Andrew Ryan-Drago

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Microbiology goes to:

From Maitland Middle School, Zachary Rediske

 4^{th} place, honorable mention in Junior Physics and Astronomy goes to:

From Lake Eola Charter School, Elijah Herbster

From Wedgefield School, Ashley Bridenbaugh

And from Leaders Preparatory School, Ayman Babamir

4th place, honorable mention in Junior Plant Sciences goes to:

From Orlando Science Schools, Emily Armao

From Lake Eola Charter School, Carter Kallenbach

And from International Community School, Adebe Currie

 4^{th} place, honorable mention in Senior Chemistry to:

From Trinity Preparatory School, Aaron Rubinow

4th place, honorable mention in Senior Physics and Astronomy to:

From Orlando Science High School, Kayra Akin

4th place, honorable mention in Senior Plant Sciences goes to:

From Orlando Science High School, Juan Campos

2020 Category Awards Third Place

3rd place in Junior Animal Sciences goes to:

From One School of the Arts, Elise Bellamy

And from Maitland Montessori School, Aribelle Barre

3rd place in Junior Behavioral and Social Science goes to:

From Leaders Preparatory School, Yussuf Chakfe

And from Lake Eola Charter School, Aniston Wilson

3rd place in Junior Biomedical and Health Sciences goes to:

From Orlando Science School, Shiva Patel

And from St. John Vianney Catholic School, Victoria Zaremba

 3^{rd} place in Junior Cellular/Molecular Biology & Biochemistry goes to:

From Leaders Preparatory School, Ali Chowdary

3rd place in Junior Chemistry goes to:

From International Community School, Alex Harms

From Lake Eola Charter School, Cassidy Winn

And from Lake Eola Charter School, Allory Boston

3rd place in Junior Earth & Environmental Sciences goes to:

From Wedgefield School, Christopher Bilbruck

From Lake Eola Charter School, Isabella Santurri

From Wedgefield School, Malerie Scammey

From Lake Eola Charter School, Isabella Castellano

From Orlando Science Middle School, Shrey Trivedi

And from Leaders Preparatory School, Tahseen Ahman

3rd place in Junior Engineering goes to:

From Lake Nona Middle School, Liliana Torres

From Orlando Science School, Rita Bennani Sanchez

And from St. John Vianney Catholic School, Dominic Rocco

3rd place in Junior Environmental Engineering goes to:

From International Community School, Wesley Harshbarger

And from Maitland Middle School, Samuel de Bodisco

3rd place in Junior Intelligent Machines, Robotics and Systems Software to:

From St. John Vianney Catholic School, Daniel de Guzman

And from Lake Nona Middle School, the team of Ivan Goponenko and Oskar Armstrong

3rd place in Junior Mathematics & Computational Sciences goes to:

From International Community School, Alexander Key

And from St. John Vianney Catholic School, Natalia Espinoza

3rd place in Junior Microbiology goes to:

From Orlando Science School, Arjun Somnali

3rd place in Junior Physics and Astronomy goes to:

From Leaders Preparatory School, Kaseem Ross

From Leaders Preparatory School, Khadija Bader

And also from Leaders Preparatory School, Taufeeq Chowdhury

3rd place in Junior Plant Sciences goes to:

From Lake Nona Middle School, Casey Jewett

From Maitland Middle School, Rilynn White

And from St. John Vianney Catholic School, Maxene Davis

3rd place in Senior Animal Sciences goes to:

And from Lake Highland Preparatory School, Kheli Phillips

3rd place in Senior Biomedical & Health Sciences goes to:

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Shivi Jain

And also from Lake Highland Preparatory School, Serena Lyou

3rd place in Senior Cellular/Molecular Biology & Biochemistry goes to:

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Anne Fang

3rd place in Senior Chemistry goes to:

From Orlando Science Schools, Aditya Gandhi

3rd place in Senior Engineering goes to:

From Orlando Science Schools, Sieana Banangada

From Orlando Science Schools, Yasmine Khan

And also from Orlando Science Schools, Emmee LeClair

3rd place in Senior Intelligent Machines, Robotics and Systems Software to:

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Jeffrey Zhou

3rd place in Senior Physics and Astronomy goes to:

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Aliza Hasan

3rd place in Senior Plant Sciences goes to:

From Orlando Science High School, the team of Sejal Mogalgiddi

2020 Category Awards Second Place

2nd place in Junior Animal Sciences goes to:

From Lake Eola Charter School, Yuselly Hincapie

And from Lake Eola Charter School, Lucia Sanchez de Fuentes

2nd place in Junior Behavioral and Social Sciences goes to:

And from Lake Nona Middle School, the team of Shruti and Shreya Sreekanth

2nd place in Junior Biomedical & Health Sciences goes to:

From Orlando Science School, Ashna Mathur

And from Lake Eola Charter School, Benjamin Brackett

 $2^{nd}\ place$ in Junior Cellular/Molecular Biology & Biochemistry goes to:

From International Community School, Reese Rubio

2nd place in Junior Chemistry goes to:

From Leaders Preparatory School, Fatima Chowdary

And from St. Margaret Mary Catholic School, the team of Josh Steedle and William Garavuso

2nd place in Junior Earth & Environmental Sciences goes to:

From Maitland Montessori School, Sheena Buckley

From Lake Eola Charter School, Savannah Cherry

And from St. Margaret Mary Catholic School, the team of Hannah Thomas and Julia Ott

2nd place in Junior Engineering goes to:

From Orangewood Christian School, Elise Ralph

And from Orlando Science School, Hayal Smaoui

2nd place in Junior Environmental Engineering goes to:

From Leaders Preparatory School, Maryam Abdelrahman

And from Orlando Science School, Simran Thomas

2nd place in Junior Intelligent Machines, Robotics & Systems Software to:

From Lake Nona Middle School, the team of Ashley Ding, Maya Venkatraman and Vandana Manchikanti

2nd place in Junior Mathematics & Computational Sciences goes to:

From International Community School, Lillie Shoemaker

And from Orlando Science Middle School, Joshua Oliver

2nd place in Junior Microbiology goes to:

From International Community School, Nathan Fandino

2nd place in Junior Physics goes to:

From Orlando Science School, Avery Ashford

And from Lake Eola Charter School, Angelissa Delgado

2nd place in Junior Plant Sciences goes to:

From Orlando Science Middle School, Gabriela Melton-Velez

And from Lake Eola Charter School, Gavin Moffatt

2nd place in Senior Animal Sciences goes to:

From Orlando Science High School, Akshar Parekh

 $2^{nd} \ place in Senior Behavioral and Social Science goes to:$

From Orlando Science High School, Isaiah Sloan

And from Trinity Preparatory School, Isha Shukla

2nd place in Senior Biomedical and Health Sciences goes to:

From Orlando Science High School, Isma Faisal

2nd place in Senior Cellular/Molecular Biology & Biochemistry goes to:

From Lake Nona Middle School, Bhargav Vyas

2nd place in Senior Chemistry goes to:

From Orlando Science High School, Ricardo Fernandez

2nd place in Senior Earth & Environmental Sciences goes to:

From Orlando Science High School, Eman Ali

 2^{nd} place in Senior Engineering goes to:

From Orlando Science High School, Rocco Gerardo

And also from Orlando Science High School, Michael Yore

2nd place in Senior Environmental Engineering goes to:

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Arjun Verma

2nd place in Senior Intelligent Machines, Robotics & Systems Software to:

From Trinity Preparatory School, Alexander Wang

 2^{nd} place in Senior Microbiology goes to:

From Trinity Preparatory School, Lainey Wilimon

2nd place in Senior Physics and Astronomy goes to:

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Vijay Ronit Lutra

And 2nd place in Senior Plant Sciences goes to:

From Orlando Science High School, Lugthea Pelissier

2020 Category Awards

1st Place Junior Projects

Animal Sciences

From Orlando Science Middle School, Atreya Manaswi

Behavioral & Social Sciences

From Orlando Science Middle School, Anum Ali

Biomedical & Health Sciences

From St. John Vianney Catholic School, Fernando Romero-Mendoza

Cellular/Molecular Biology & Biochemistry

From Orlando Science Middle School, Emily Dorman

Chemistry

From St. John Vianney Catholic School, Aileen de la Rosa

Earth & Environmental Science

From Orlando Science Middle School, Tiffani Gay

Engineering

From Lake Eola Charter School, Elise Rina

Environmental Engineering

From Orlando Science Middle School, Sophia Hosein

Intelligent Machines, Robotics and Systems Software

From St. John Vianney Catholic School, Jonathan Lee

Mathematics and Computational Sciences

From Maitland Middle School, Jessica Zhou

Microbiology

From Leaders Preparatory School, Ahmed Elimairi

Physics & Astronomy

From Orlando Science Middle School, Monish Saravana Kumar Divya Sundari

Plant Sciences

From Maitland Montessori School, Daemon DuBois

1st Place Senior Projects

Animal Sciences

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Varun Madan

Behavioral & Social Sciences

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Savana Stanton

Biomedical & Health Sciences

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Ahad Ansari

Cellular/Molecular Biology & Biochemistry

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Jaya Dayal

Chemistry

From Orlando Science School, Lisa Pham

Earth & Environmental Sciences

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Austin Waldman

Engineering

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Ananya Bhatheja

Environmental Engineering

From Trinity Preparatory School, Lene Mortimer

Intelligent Machines, Robotics & Systems Software

From Orlando Science School, Matthew Boughton

Mathematics and Computational Sciences

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Asha Reddy

And from Lake Highland Preparatory School, Sonia Shah

Microbiology

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Sanjana Konda

Physics and Astronomy

From Trinity Preparatory School, Levon Tabirian

Plant Sciences

From Lake Highland Preparatory School, Taneesh Makkena

2020 Grand Awards

This year we have nominated two projects from the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County
Science Exposition to attend GENIUS Olympiad in Oswego, New York from June 15-20,
2020, and they are:

For her project titled, "Precycling – Novel Strategies for Dealing with Household Plastic Recycling" from Trinity Preparatory School, Lene Mortimer.

And for his project titled, "Can an Arduino Microcontroller Sustain Multiple Types of Living Plants Over a Period of Time?" from Orlando Science High School, Matthew Boughton.

In the division of Junior Biological Sciences there are two Junior Ying Scholar Grand Prize Award winners.

Our first winner is:

For his project titled, "Testing Diet Preference of Worker Honey Bees (*Apis mellifera l.*) on 3 Commercially Available Pollen Substitutes and Wildflower Pollen", from Orlando Science Middle School, Atreya Manaswi

And our second winner is:

For his project titled, "Antimicrobial Effect of *Acacia nilotica* seed pods", from Leaders Preparatory School, Ahmed Elimairi

<u>In the division of Junior Physical Sciences there are two Junior Ying Scholar</u> Grand Prize Award winners.

Our first winner is:

For her project titled, "Cleaner Oceans", from Orlando Science Middle School, Tiffani Gay

And our second winner is:

For her project titled, "Access Granted", from Lake Eola Charter School, Elise Rina

In the division of Senior Biological Sciences the alternate is:

For her project titled, "Bactericidal and Cytotoxic Properties of Antibiotic-Loaded Chitosan Nanoparticles", from Lake Highland Preparatory School, Sanjana Konda.

And in the division of Senior Physical Sciences the alternate is:

For his project titled, "Refining Cosmology: Addressing Dark Energy Controversies Through a Novel non-Doppler Cosmological Redshift Model", from Trinity Preparatory School, Levon Tabirian.

In the division of Senior Biological Sciences there are two Senior Ying Scholar Grand Prize Award winners.

Our first winner is:

For his project titled, "Year 3: Evaluating the Effects of *Bifidobacterium infantis* Compared With Fumagillin on the Honeybee Gut Parasite *Nosema ceranae* and Overall Gut Microbiota", from Lake Highland Preparatory School, Varun Madan.

Also in the Biological Sciences, our second winner is:

With his project titled, "Assessing Fern Biodiversity Through DNA Barcoding and Measuring Abiotic Conditions", from Lake Highland Preparatory School, Taneesh Makkena

In the division of Senior Physical Sciences there are two Senior Ying Scholar Grand Prize Award winners.

Our first winner is:

With his project titled, "Making Energy from Vibrations and Mechanical Forces", from Orlando Science High School, Lisa Pham.

And our final winner:

With his project titled, "Precycling - Novel Strategies for Dealing with Household Plastic Recycling", from Trinity Preparatory School, Lene Mortimer