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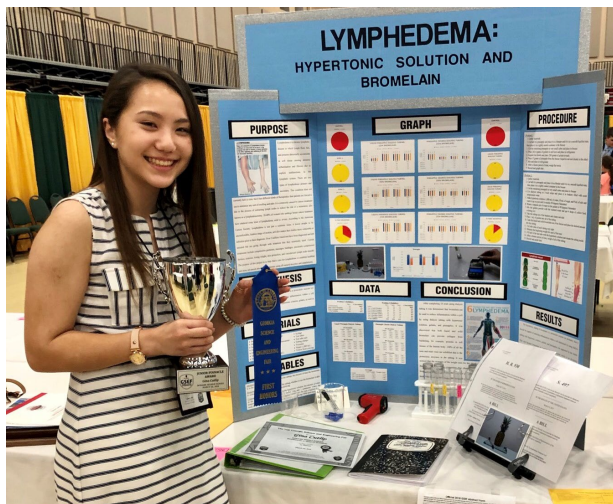
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**Students Win State Science & Engineering Awards**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Houston County students won several awards at the 71<sup>st</sup> Georgia Science and Engineering Fair held at the University of Ga. March 29-30, 2019. Forty-nine students qualified for state by winning first place in the region competition. At State, three students won first place, two students won second place and seven won special or grand awards. Many more brought home third- or fourth- place awards.

Two outstanding students will represent Houston County at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona in May. The students are: Isha Shah and Colton Walker, both from Veterans High School.

Congratulations to the following first-place and best-in-category state winners:

- ★ Bonaire Middle: Gina Cutlip, 1<sup>st</sup> place honors, Best 8<sup>th</sup> Grade project and Best in Category-Biomedical & Health Science and the Pinnacle Award (pictured left).
- ★ Feagin Mill Middle: Joshua Carty and Collin Key, Best in Category-Behavioral Science (pictured right, from left).

Five students also won special awards at the state fair. They are listed below by school.

- ★ Bonaire Middle School: Gina Cutlip
- ★ Bonaire Mill Middle School: William Wilson
- ★ Feagin Mill Middle: Aspen Mitchell and Ariana Pham
- ★ Mossy Creek Middle: Olivia Morrison

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According to the GSEF, the purpose of the projects is to "inspire and encourage students to explore and investigate their world through hands-on research." Professional scientists, who look for both an attractive, functional presentation and a project that contributes new information and basic understanding about the topic, judge the students' work.

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, Northside High science teacher. Jennifer Douglass of Veterans High served as the regional fair chairperson. For more information, please contact Dr. Brown at [Ann.Williams-Brown@hcbe.net](mailto:Ann.Williams-Brown@hcbe.net) or 478-988-6200, ext. 10225.

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