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Students Win State Science & Engineering Awards



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Houston County students won 41 awards at the 70th Georgia Science and Engineering Fair (GSEF) held at the University of Georgia March 23 - 24, 2018. Forty-nine students qualified for state competition by winning first place in the regional competition. At State, 28 students won either first, second, third or fourth place. In addition, 12 students also won a total of 13 special or grand awards.

Two outstanding students will represent Houston County at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, Penn. in May. The students are: Ishah Shah, Veterans High, and Harshvardhan Singh, Houston County High.

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

- ★ Bonaire Middle: Gina Cutlip, 1st place honors (*pictured*);
- ★ Bonaire Middle: Joshua Smith, Best in Category, Engineering

Mechanics;

- ★ Feagin Mill Middle: Seyanna Castro, Best in Category, Behavioral & Social Science; and
- ★ Perry High: Lauren Resetar, Best in Category, Energy - Physical.

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

- ★ Bonaire Middle School: Gina Cutlip and Sean Phillips (two awards);
- ★ Feagin Mill: Sarah Fenimore;
- ★ Houston County High: Sophia Aslam and Shivani Narain;
- ★ Mossy Creek Middle: Christianna Moore, Charity Smith and Caroline Urbansky; and
- ★ Thomson Middle: Hannah Rowland.

The 28 top-four awards were as follows: one student won first place; seven students won second place; eight students won third place; and 12 students won fourth place. 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. Jalanda Goff of Bonaire Middle served as the regional fair chairperson. For more information, please contact Dr. Brown at Ann.Williams-Brown@hcbe.net or 478-988-6200, ext. 10225.

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