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### **Regional Science & Engineering Fair Awards *Students advance to State & International Fairs***

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Approximately 300 middle and high school projects from Houston and Peach County public and private schools were entered in the Houston Regional Science and Engineering Fair. The fair was held Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2018, at the Cary Martin Center in Warner Robins. Approximately 360 students participated.

Forty-five Houston County students received first-place awards and qualified to compete at the 70<sup>th</sup> Georgia State Science and Engineering Fair Mar. 22 - 24, 2018, at the Cary Martin Center. Four students also won *Best of Fair* individual grand prizes - two each in the junior and senior divisions - with the senior division winners qualifying to represent our county at the International Fair held May 14 - 18, 2018, in Pittsburg, Penn.

Congratulations to the following students who won *Best of Fair* awards:

- Hailey Tayag, Bonaire Middle, junior division for “Wind Power to Electricity via Recycled Computer Fans;”
- Ishaan Vyas, Thomson Middle, junior division for “Effect of Pulsed UV-Light on E. Coli on Chicken Tender Surfaces;”
- Harshvardhan Singh, Houston County High, senior division for “Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles from Georgia Peaches;” and
- Isha Shah, Veterans High, senior division for “Metformin Inhibits Bacterial Glycerol Metabolism.”

Professionals judged the students' work, looking for scientific, creative presentations; projects that contribute new information; and projects that reflect the student's understanding of the topic. Sponsors provided judges, awards, meals for judges and financial support for future competitions. Many thanks to all the sponsors, especially the Gold sponsors: Lockheed Martin; Peach Belt Medical Society; and the Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce Aerospace Industry Committee.

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Approximately 45 students also won special awards. Congratulations to the first-place winners who advanced to state (named below by school):

- **Bonaire Middle:** Gina Cutlip, Katherine Gibbs, Isabella Green, Robin Hargett, Parker Marfell, Sean Phillips, Daniel Slater, Joshua Smith, Hailey Tayag, Alexandra Theisen, William Van Slyke and Ryan Wilcox;
- **Feagin Mill Middle:** Braden Ballard, Seyanna Castro, Spencer Cook, Melissa Do, Sarah Fenimore and Andrew Stuckey;
- **Huntington Middle:** Eliot Day and Diego Lebron;
- **Mossy Creek Middle:** Christianna Moore, Charity Smith and Caroline Urbansky;
- **Perry Middle:** Carrigen Fouse, Aden Janik, Kathryn Johnson, Rusty Mann, Nolan Owens and Trinity Wheeler;
- **Thomson Middle:** Heta Patel, Alexandria Richardson, Brenay Robinson, Hannah Rowland and Ishaan Vyas;
- **Warner Robins Middle:** Jackson McCook and Sierra Moates;
- **Houston County High:** Sophia Aslam, Vennela Gosukonda, Shivani Narain and Harshvardhan Singh;
- **Northside High:** Symone Crowder and Kaylynn Wallace;
- **Perry High:** Lauren Resetar; and
- **Veterans High:** Isha Shah and Colton Walker.

The fair director is Dr. Ann Williams-Brown, coordinator of science. The chairperson of the scientific review committee is Cherri Nix, Northside High School science teacher and Jalanda Goff at Bonaire Middle serves as the regional fair chairperson. For more information, please contact Dr. Williams-Brown at [ann.williams-brown@hcbe.net](mailto:ann.williams-brown@hcbe.net).

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