

**OHIO SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S AWARDS
FOR EXCELLENCE IN YOUTH SCIENCE OPPORTUNITIES**

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Columbus (September 1, 2010) . . . The Ohio Academy of Science today selected 115 Ohio schools and 418 teachers to receive Governor's Awards for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities for their accomplishments during the 2009-2010 school year. The Ohio Department of Education will issue special Governor's Award certificates.

"These schools are engaged in project-based curricula, the central element of any *STEM education program," said Lynn Elfner, the Academy's CEO.

"Receiving a Governor's Award for Excellence sends a clear signal that these schools and teachers value student-originated, inquiry-based science education as outlined in the *Ohio Science Education Standards* and in the *National Science Education Standards*," said Lynn Elfner, the Academy's CEO. "Whole new worlds of opportunities open up to students when they complete research or technological design projects," he continued.

To qualify for the Governor's Award, each school conducted a local science fair with 20 or more students, sent one or more of these students to one of the Academy's 16 district science days, and involved students in one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom such as State Science Day, visits to museums, mentorship programs and extended field trips.

The Ohio Academy of Science initiated this educational partnership program in cooperation with The Office of The Governor and the Ohio Department of Education to recognize schools and teachers who stimulate student scientific research and extend science education opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. The Technology Division of The Ohio Department of Development has supported this program since 1985 by grants to The Ohio Academy of Science.

About The Ohio Academy of Science

The Ohio Academy of Science strives to be the leading organization in Ohio *to foster curiosity, discovery, and innovation* and to unite all who value education, science, engineering, technology, and their applications to benefit society. See the Academy's website at <http://www.ohiosci.org>

Editor's note: *STEM is science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The Ohio Academy of Science
 2009-2010 School and Teacher Governor's Awards

City	School Name	Teacher(s)
Ada	Ada HS	William Faine
Akron	Akron Early College HS	Sharon Kaffen Larry O'Neil Lillian Martinez-Pinzon Jennifer Bader Wendy Keaton Yvonne Culver Lisa Kindleburg Cheryl Connolly Lisa Andrews Tom O'Neil Mona Kotran
Akron	Buchtel HS	Darlene Hensley Michele Jackson Patricia Wicks Deborah Gray Elizabeth Terrill Bambi Hugh Margaret Busker Rebecca Barnum Alisha Swanson Steve Kemp
Akron	Ellet HS	Jane Pollack Giovanna Hilj Diane Mullen Judith Marver Keith Cubbedge Steve Gambaccini Ann Rose Cynthia Kessler Carol Zona
Akron	Firestone HS	Joseph Bomba Cassandra Hanna Jim Cauffield Michael Farmer Scott Westphal Dan Spak

Akron	Garfield HS	Diana Williams Nadia Niknafs Jeri Dean Matt Cochran Christine Milcetic Mark Reaman David Skelly David Blankenship Lois Gardner Sam Appleby Karen DeLaCroix Rick Sims Steve Carter Karen Rummell Jerrit Ekama
Akron	Hyre MS	Tracy Cochran Jennifer Berkheimer Bonnie Stroll John Sarver Dyan Floyd Vince Buzzelli David Hardwick Carol Hatch Jennifer Sibit George Niinisto Mike Austin Adriana Eidom Denice Taylor
Akron	Innes MS	Tonia Merlo Lynn Andrew Lois Brown Robin Clark Stephanie Davis Marvin Conner Victoria Grimes Lauri Natko Cheryl Arnold Tina Daniels Annmarie Crofoot Donna Kopcsik Traci May Vanessa Roberts Brian Ritter Tony Gotto Terri Smith

Akron	Kent MS	Beth Vincente Chuck Morrison Kristy Campbell Kathleen Policy Tiffany Lundy Kristi Johnson Barbara Greig Laura Williams Steven Frantz Shane Foy Patricia Belcher Dolores Whaley Jessica Schertz
Akron	Litchfield MS	Dorothy Lewis Holly Brunswick Rachel Shaw Stephanie Leonardi Kathleen Chiccoine Judith Moon Penny Pletikapich Jan Hanna Ryan Boyd Kieth Gatti
Akron	Miller South Visual Perf Arts MS	Linda Ward Wendy Duke Adrienne Kalaitsides Jeannette Loretitsch Gloria Russo Louise Heydorn Robert Marxen Amy Heffernan Deb Dobil Laura Feltman Lori Galambos Julie Demangeont
Akron	National Inventor's Hall of Fame School	Julienne Hogarth Christine Justiss Aaron Merz Brenda Leighton Jill Holcomb Susan Hall Perkins Pringle Juwan Hardin

		Beth Bugner
		Felicia Campbell
		Diane Pancoe
		Donna Wojcik
		Sam Crews
		Carol Schweizer
		Karen Brandt
		Amanda Boyd
Akron	Our Lady Of The Elms	Cristina Jones
Akron	Perkins MS	Kara Lane
		Marques Hayes
		Jacqueline Clayton
		Lesley Underwood
		Patricia Swain
		Tabitha Moneskey
		Martha Levine
		Justin Plas
		Kathy Mills-Brently
		Jessica Martin
		Morgan Green
		Matt Thomas
		Sharon Brown
		Gloria Malone
Akron	Windemere ES	Pamela Blough
		Bruce Ahonen
		Kathleen Drozin
Ashland	Ashland Christian	Margaret Juzwik
Bay Village	St Raphael	Andrea Ruda
		Debra Singleton
Beavercreek	Dayton Islamic School	Jeanette Godsey
Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	Cathy St Pierre
Blanchester	Blanchester HS	Andrea Harpen
		Georgette McClain
Bowling Green	Bowling Green Christian Academy	Nicole Hill
Brookville	Brookville HS	
		Jeff Davidson
		Abbie Hartge
		Cindy Tucci
Bryan	St Patrick	Jan Stark
		Lynette Skiles
		Jane Shaffer
		Jamie Schaffter
Centerville	Incarnation	Linda Bruns
Chesterland	West Geauga HS	Don Tobul
		Mark Walton

		Brian Spotts
		Mike Taurasi
		Mike Sustin
		Aly Ledman
		Natalie Cooper
		Tom Booth
		Kristin Gregory
Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	Kara Norris
		Carrie Hill
		Dianne Cryder
		Connie Schaefer
Chillicothe	Zane Trace HS	Jason Clark
Chillicothe	Zane Trace MS	Dennis Foreman
		Brooke Detty
Cincinnati	Anderson HS	Justin Good
		Dave Brandon
		Emily Dorsey
		Krista Willertz
		Dan Yeager
		Louise Keep
		Jeffrey Rodriguez
Cincinnati	McNicholas	Regina Goines
		Deborah Bonekamp
		Michael Quinones
		Jonathan Spurlock
		Lauren Wulker
		Stephanie Morris
Cincinnati	Our Lady of Lourdes	Mary Beth Rieth
Cincinnati	Our Lady Of Visitation	Kelly Igel
		Laura Ellis
		Judy Maddock
Cincinnati	St Thomas More	Theresa Rein
		Sharon Fryman
		Scott Day
Cincinnati	Sycamore HS	Beth Quinones
Circleville	Everts MS	Angela Willyerd
		Tabitha McDanel
Cleveland	Birchwood ES	Charles W Debelak
		Linda Brown
Cleveland Hts	Beaumont School	Lynn Gadus
		Gretchen Santo
		Lauren Brandon
		Sandra Fletcher
		Patricia Kenzig
		Nooshin Beigi

Columbia Station	Columbia HS	Samaha Iskander Kathi Maxwell
Columbia Station	Columbia MS	James Boyer Angela DeLeon Rebecca Karl Marcy Namestnik
Columbus	Holy Spirit	David Eliason Rebecca Karl Anita Siefert Cindy Gavagan Pam Eitel Chettie Singer Kelly Willey Jennifer Garnica
Columbus	Immaculate Conception	Sandy Eberts Cassandra Cloud
Columbus Columbus	St Agatha St Timothy	Dan Keller Carolyn Sue Gardiner Ashley Mayer
Columbus Grove Continental	St Anthony of Padua Continental Local MS	Ashley Otto Marilyn Bohrer Tammy Baker
Coshocton	Coshocton HS	Lisa Akers Steve Shaw
Dayton	Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Beth Allaire Roseanne Place
Dayton	Carroll HS	Suz Levy Laura Wright Laurie Fuhr Kathy Keller
Dayton	Thurgood Marshall HS	Lee Benson Henry Noble
Delaware E Liverpool Edgerton	John C Dempsey MS St Aloysius St Mary	Deb Bogard Sally Chronister Brittany Sanders Betsy Hug
Elyria	St Jude	Christine Malone Shari Dietrick Diane Turner Cindy Griffiths Cindy Craig Diana Kirkpatrick

Fairborn	Baker MS	Kathy Tollett Mary Jane Leonowich Julie McFarland Chrysa Muenchausen Chris Henson Virginia Knisley Beverly Stambaugh
Fort Jennings	Fort Jennings HS	Jeff Jostpille Mary Lou Altenburger
Geneva	Geneva HS	John Barbo Robert Lundin Wendy Booth Frank Carraher Jessica George Dale Johnston Elizabeth Lehtola Emily Long Jayne Parker Jarrod Burgard Eileen Dragon
Geneva	Geneva JS	Jayne Parker Emily Long Frank Carraher Wendy Booth Col Howard Willis
Georgetown	Georgetown Jr/Sr HS	Ted Elliott
Glandorf	Glandorf ES	David Parry
Hamler	Patrick Henry HS	William Hart
Hubbard	Hubbard HS	Laura McCleery Tiffany Bendersky Maria Pizanias Irene Pizanias Tracie Liptak
Ironton	St Joseph Central	Ann Harvey Joan Simon Chris Monte Ruth Hopkins Sissy Clyse Billie Cogan Cindy Brown Clyde Plank
Kettering	Archbishop Alter	Bonnie Walter Barbara Groene Jennifer Butler Michelle Popp

Kettering	St Albert The Great	Michael Thuente Randy Reeder Kelly Alter Peter Dunlap Christine Evans
Lancaster	St Mary	Anita Yapple
Liberty Twp	Mother Teresa Catholic	Karen Geiger
Lorain	Garfield ES	Amanda DiFilippo Connie Janasko Catherine Kachure Matt Hellinger
Louisville	Louisville HS	Robert Sudomir
Loveland	St Columban	Ben McPheron
Lynchburg	Lynchburg-Clay HS	James O'Connor Alicia Shope Lara Hamilton
Mansfield	St Peter HS & JHS	Bob Neumann
Marion	Ulysses S Grant MS	Rob James Tim Tanner Anglie Crosley Heather Harper Beth Houdashelt Karen Hennessy Robin VanSickle
Martins Ferry	St Mary Central	Paul Stecker
Mechanicsburg	Mechanicsburg HS	Faith Malone Heidi Ritchie Christina Bresnahan
Medina	St Francis Xavier	Laura Zales
Medina	St Francis Xavier	Darla Warnecke
Miller City	Miller City HS	Ryan Benroth Denny Mumaw
Miller City	Miller City MS	Toni Rieger Deb Schimmoeller Dustin Pester Dave Leader
Minerva	Minerva HS	Stacey Peters Molly Winters Mike Waller Valerie Slaton Matt Leatherberry
Mt Vernon	Mt Vernon HS	Bonnie Schutte
N Canton	St Paul	Sharon Varner
N Ridgeville	Lake Ridge Academy	Jennifer Wish Gail Moran

Ottoville	Ottoville HS	Nancy Kroeger Krista Schomaeker
Owensville	St Louis ES	Beth Weber
Parma Hts	Incarnate Word Academy	Cynthia Rossman
Peebles	Peebles ES	Jessica Wilkinson
Pettisville	Pettisville HS	Paul Bishop John Poulson Donna Meller
Plymouth	Shiloh MS	Matt Anderson Carolyn Bast
Poland	Willow Creek Learning Center	Candace Haski
Sardinia	Eastern JS	Evelyn Yockey
Seaman	North Adams ES	Deanna Motts Monica Pence April Flowers
Seaman	North Adams HS	Randall Dunkin Joe Spurlock
Sidney	Lehman Catholic HS	Jenny Weber Kristine Pax Sister Ginny Scherer Tracy Hall
Springfield	Ridgewood School	Gail Daniels
St Clairsville	East Richland Christian School	Jane Powell
Steubenville	Bishop John King Mussio JS	Sandy Morelli
Sylvania	Toledo Islamic Academy HS	Nailam Elkhechen Amal Kanan Sharon Holeman
Tiffin	Columbian HS	Kevin Roush Jeanette Marshall
Tipp City	Tippecanoe MS	Mark Mays Meredith Conner Len Kenyon Curt Earl Dale Bonifas Greg Kinnison Jennifer Wysocki
Toledo	Central Catholic	Noreen Cromly David Torrence
Toledo	Little Flower	Ben Dumas Linda Murphey Tammy Hinkle
Toledo	Ottawa Hills HS	Kathy Singler Brandon Aigner
Toledo	St Patrick Of Heatherdowns	Theresa Betori
Toledo	Trinity Lutheran	Tim Kollmorgen

Upper Sandusky	Upper Sandusky HS	Marianne Gordon Teresa Harris
W Lafayette	Ridgewood HS	Tim Pohlman
Wadsworth	Wadsworth HS	William Humphrey
Warsaw	Warsaw ES	John Burton
West Unity	Hilltop HS	Dawn Justice
		Cristin Hagans
		Abbie Smith
Westerville	St Paul	Margaret Ford
Worthington	St Michael	Ryan Schwieterman
Worthington	Thomas Worthington HS	Sara Quart
		Jodi Bacon
		Trudy Tuttle
		Brian Luthy
Youngstown	St Joseph & Immaculate Heart of Mary	Kathleen DuBois
		Sharon Nicastro
		Patricia Vlock
Zanesville	Bishop Fenwick	Susan Swackhammer
		Molly Parsons
		Dave Eppley
		Carol Griffin
Zoarville	Tuscarawas Valley HS	Lucinda Martin
		Vanessa Klein
		John Hite
		Kelly Almashy
Zoarville	Tuscarawas Valley MS	Cathy Whitehair
		Susan Sciury

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