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Surry County Schools' Celebrates Scientists in the Making

Thursday, December 6, 2018, was a big day for students in Surry County Schools. The Surry County Schools District Science Fair was held at Meadowview Magnet Middle and the air was buzzing with scientists in the making. Educators and parents were in attendance to view the science fair projects, and to learn new and exciting discoveries students have made because they had a question or were curious about something. Through the process of completing the science experiment, students learn they can use the scientific process to answer questions or spark new ones.

First, students from all 19 schools participated in school level science fairs. To qualify for the district science fair, elementary students had to place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the school level. Middle and high school 1st and 2nd place winners were also invited to attend the district fair. “Projects at the District Science Fair were judged based on Creative Ability, Scientific Thought, Skill and Thoroughness, Clarity and Dramatic Presentation, and the Student Interview. Creative Ability and Scientific Thought carry the most weight,” explained Mr. Jeff Edwards, Science Institute Coordinator/Chemical Hygiene Officer.

While many students ranked in the district science fair, the following students placed to advance to the regional science fair competition. The North Carolina Region 5 Science & Engineering Fair will be held on February 16, 2019, at the Triad Math and Science Academy in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Placement	Division	Student(s)	Project Name	School Name
1st	Elementary	Ani Hughes	Let it Rip!	Franklin Elementary
2nd	Elementary	Tatum Love	Which is better for the soil; No-Till Or Plowed Farming Methods?	Westfield Elementary
2nd	Elementary	Alexis Mayes Avery Mayes	Distracted Driver	Dobson Elementary
1st	Jr Bio A	Kaylee Dalton	Hydrated Plants	Central Middle
1st	Jr Bio B	Jay Mitchell	Musical Therapy-Does it Really Work?	Pilot Mountain Middle

1st	Jr Chem	Belle Bullington	Salty Shenanigans	Pilot Mountain Middle
1st	Jr Earth/Env	Jaden Wiles	Crystal Egg Geodes	Central Middle
1st	Physics/Math	Isaac Eller	Rubik's Cube Challenge	Central Middle
1st	Engineering	Nathan Narehood	I Caught a Tree Pounder	Central Middle
1st	Technology	Tommy O'Reilly Troy Haywood	Alert Today Alive Tomorrow	Meadowview Magnet Middle
1st	Sr Bio A	Lauren Knopf	Growing with Light	East Surry High
1st	Sr Bio B	Charity Rosenhauer	Which Eggs Have a Higher Amount Of Fatty Acids and Cholesterol?	East Surry High
1st	Sr Chem	Brooke Mosley Laney Cave	Which Zit Cream Zaps the Fastest?	Surry Central High
1st	Sr Earth/Env	Melissa Mendoza	Global Climate Change	North Surry High
1st	Engineering	Meg Adams Abby Draughn	PLTW Elevator	North Surry High
1st	Physics/Math	Sarah Brown Peggy Prevetie	Physics of the Pole Vault	Surry Central High
1st	Technology	Jessi Vaughn	Human vs AI	Surry Central High

“Surry County Schools has a strong focus and commitment to equip students with relevant skills to become critical thinkers and problem solvers. The district science fair is another way students shine and demonstrate their learning. I believe learning the scientific process is important for all students whether they decide to pursue further education or a career in a science-related field or other fields. Students completing science fair projects also helps them understand how to fail with grace. Many scientific discoveries did not happen the first time but through trial and error. I am pleased with the outcomes of the rigorous competition and the great work students and teachers have put into preparation, as well as parents for their support. We celebrate all of our winners, and now it’s time to prepare for the regional competition,” stated Dr. Travis L. Reeves, Superintendent.



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