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45 OHIO SCHOOLS AND 544 TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S THOMAS EDISON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION

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Dublin, OH (September 9, 2022) . . . **The Ohio Academy of Science** today selected 45 Ohio schools and 544 teachers to receive **The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research** for their accomplishments during the 2021-2022 school year. Each school will receive a special Governor's Award certificate, and each teacher will receive a complementary membership to The Ohio Academy of Science. **The Technology Division of the Ohio Development Services Agency** funded the program.

The criteria for the Thomas Edison Award for Excellence are: (1) Conduct a local science fair with 12 or more students and have two or more of these students participate in the 2022 Virtual District Science Day OR Have 6 or more students participate in the 2022 Virtual District Science Day when no local has been conducted, (2) Students must participate in at least one more youth science opportunity beyond the classroom. The Ohio Academy of Science defines STEM education as both the mastery and integration of science technology, engineering, and mathematics for all PK-12 students. It incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based curricula to develop skills of communication, teamwork/collaboration, creativity/innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving.

First established in 1985, the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards recognizes Ohio schools and teachers who stimulate scientific student research and technological design and extend experiential opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. "These schools and teachers are connecting classrooms to the real world by demonstrating the relevance of STEM.", said Michael E. Woytek, the Academy's Executive Director. Woytek went on to say, "they are developing a group of active and intrinsic learners."

The Ohio Academy of Science initiated this educational partnership program in cooperation with **The Office of The Governor and The Technology Division of The Ohio Development Services Agency** to recognize schools and teachers for excellence in STEM education and scientific student research.

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About The Ohio Academy of Science

Founded in 1891, The Ohio Academy of Science (OAS) is a membership-based, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization. The Academy is the leading organization in Ohio to foster curiosity, discovery, innovation, and problem-solving skills. OAS members are as diverse as the science taking place in Ohio, and OAS programs support STEM research among pre-college and college students through the professional scientific community.

For more information about the OAS, please visit its website at <http://www.ohiosci.org>

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CITY	SCHOOL NAME	TEACHER(S)
Akron	Buchtel Community Learning Center	Autumn Suel Darlene Helems-Alaniz De'Anna Edwards Heather Hinkle Holly Henderson Jasmyne Anderson Liz Terrill Lon Cseplo Lynn Webb Madeleine Wheeler Minnie Carter-Page Nancy Kastor Tara Davis Virginique Whitmore Yvette Curry
Akron	Ellet CLC	Angela Demchak Ann Rose Blake Beluscak Connie Coon Dr. John Guidubaldi Hannah Couch Judith Sudomir Katherine Givens Katherine Mertel Kristen Domonkos Nick Harris Ronald Boldry Steve Carter Tammy Manno Tracey Starks

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Akron	Ellet CLC	William Stone
Akron	Hyre CLC	Ben Goulet Bill Twigg Bo Haffner Carrie Fox Dan Reynolds Denice Taylor George Niinisto Jon Short Kaitlin Miller Laura Pearce Melayna Surace Mike Amos Nia Holmes Sarah Mizak Tamika Bates Tracey Bowman
Akron	I Promise School	Abbie Akucewich Adam Crow Adrian Daley Ali Harding Amanda Rager Amy Hynes Amy Hynes Amy Kaser Amy Rudd Andrea Scheks Aubryelen Kennedy Avery Apanius Avery Apanius Bridget Casenhiser Caitlyn Lavenberg

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Akron	I Promise School	Carrie Musci Elena Soster Hannah Morber Heidi Thomas Ian Slifcak Janice Bailey Jill DeMarino Karadyn Cauffield Kay Low Kayla Whitlow Kaylah Tandy Kelley Pratt Kelley Pratt Kelli Pestello Kelsey Kent Kelsey Kent Kerry Meyer Kim Schlegal Kim Schlegal Kristen Hodas Krysten Bonacci Laura Jourdain Laura Jourdain Laura Wiedenfeld Lauren cobb Lawrence Clark Leeda Shokalook Linea Maul Lyndsey Nopper Marianne Schauer Melissa Beitko Michelle Kendel Molly Kenney Monique Swain

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Akron	I Promise School	Monique Swain Morgan Wolf Morgan Wolf Robert Hahn Sam Marinchek Sharday Suttles Sharday Suttles Shayla Smith Stephanie Arnett Stephanie Arnett Stephanie Zende Susan Mongold Tara Caporuscio Vanessa Weikhart
Akron	Litchfield Community Center	Aaron Merz Bobbie Gurley Bryan Bartlett Charlene Panovich Christine Paskiet Jeanette Nativio Jefferson Whited Kristen Parker Kristen Parker Morgan Greene, Ph.D. Rebecca Moga Robbie Connelly Sandra Cline Scot Elkins Stacey Myers Tiffany Lundy Martin
Akron	Miller South VPA	Alex Funk Alison Rich

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Akron	Miller South VPA	Ashley Watts Beth Austin Cherelle Watson Connie Duff Crystal Skropits David Oravec Erika Thompson Kara Putnam Kim Spratley Laura Feltman Laura Valenza Malia Tschantz Marissa Hughes Megan Houk Neenah Bell Neenah Bell Paul Stewart Ruth Roope Sarah Appleby Tina Lattimer Tracey Visco Vanessa Roberts Vanessa Roberts
Akron	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM HS	Angela Hammelman Ben Graber Branko Nuss Brian Bennett Brienne Remenaric Brody Rauschenberger Dina Popa Jeff Caranna Jennifer Blankenship Joy Farrance

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Akron	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM HS	Jun Chen Kailey Kellehan Katie Metcalf Marvin Grandison Matthew Brooks Matthew York Michelle Johnson Mike Palumbo Monique Binkley Nate Cohen Qing Liang Sam Appleby Sammy AlDoory Sara Leffler Selena Myers Shane Dantz Tanner Hughes William Metcalf Zach Griffith
Akron	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM MS	Adrienne Brown Angela Zumbo Angica Weaver Brenda Leighton Brett Beebe Chelsea Nicolino Chrissy Heade Christine Justiss Donna Wojcik Elizabeth Bugner Ellen Beldean Emily Butler Jackie Waterman Jason Reitz

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Akron	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM MS	Jennifer Fillmore Jessica Mitchell Julie DeMangeont Kallie Walker Katie Beal Keri Rusinko Kevin Phipps LaTrese Sanders Lesley Trendell Michele Crum Nicene McNeil Noah Hamrick Perkins Pringle Qing Liang RaChandra Decatur Sam Crews Sam Kitzler Sherry Hankinson Susan Hall
Akron	North HS	Brian Zilla Corey Dentler Dana Starvaggi David Krege Janice Weaver Jeannie LaFlame Kelly Dine Marcia Torrence Patrick D'Andrea Rich Eder William Alkire
Akron	St Sebastian	Al Rose Anne Reide

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Akron	St Sebastian	Cassie Laube Christina Friedl Debra Landis Jennifer Bradley Jennifer Slegus Jennifer Smee Maggi Blischak Megan Sanford Michelle Antochow Robert Dedinsky Sally Weakland
Anna	Anna HS	Vicki Quinter
Avon	Holy Trinity	Jean Spinazze Jennifer Hess Laura Waltos Meghan Namestnik Nancy Wild Renee Hilditch Sara Martin Sharon Lynch Tera Cowdin
Bay Village	St Raphael	Alison Nottingham Amy Shell Andrea Ruda Ellen Skonce Madeline Bain Michelle Wise Nathaniel Tosi Nicole Graf
Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	Allison Bisignani

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Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	Crystal Current Debi Schwieterman Emily Cline Jennifer St. Pierre Jenny Nickol Kayla Bruggeman Kyle Ferguson Lynzee Allen Shelby Sigman
Bidwell	River Valley HS	John P Davis III
Chardon	Chardon MS	Brent Hilston Jackie Brown Melissa Efantis
Chardon	St Mary	Angel Emlaw Annie Maniscalcom David Gorski David Petrovic Ericka Cardenas Julie Fedak Kara Passow Kelly Yates Linda Flynn Mare Van Lindern Marie Lisachenko Mary Ann Marra Mary Pawar Megan Cooper Megan Tracy Sarah Allin Theresa Merkle

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Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	Amanda Harper Ashley Tackett Bailey Foreman Casey Teets Christina Kessler Debbie Fyffe Dianne Cryder Laura Corcoran Mindy Martin Taylor Woodbridge Terrina Fahnestock Tina Haller
Chillicothe	Unioto ES	Jenni Domo
Cincinnati	Anderson HS	Alex Bove Corey Larrison Courtney Snider David Brandon Emily Dorsey Holly Lowden Jeff Granger Jeff Rodriguez Justin Good Katelyn Calder Louise Keep Patrick Rehl Troy Spitzmueller
Cincinnati	Turpin HS	Beth Brill Brett Granger Corey Mullins Erin Berling Gayle Garza

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Cincinnati	Turpin HS	Lindsay Burton Peter Hoying William Benken
Cleveland	St Agatha-St. Aloysius	Cortez Jenkins Dolly Goodwin Katie Shirilla Kristelle Matson LaMontica Campbell Marcia Hatcher MaryAnn Okey Monique Dancy Nick Gismondi
Cleveland	St Paschal Baylon	Anna Peko Carrie Hanus Diane Raguz Elizabeth Uzzo Evamarie Mickol Felice Ferrante Holly Herald Kristian Martinson Moiria Popelka Nancy Dulzer Sheila Klepcyk Stephanie Leffler
Dayton	Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Becky Kondritz Beth Allaire Carli Milano Elise Salzl Holly Gabrielson Jill Klimaski Joanna Freshwater

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Dayton	Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Julie Conley Kathy Alexander Kimberly Patti Lee Dapore Meagan Young Rachel Farran Victoria Haynes
Dayton	Carroll HS	Allie Spurling Christina O'Malley Diane Keller Elizabeth Emser Laura Wright Laurie Fuhr Mary Ollier Meghan Mulligan Mike Lakin Todd Tayloe
Elyria	St Jude	Holly Arra Kathy Tollett
Kettering	Archbishop Alter HS	Debbie Portman Jaclyn Helt Jennifer Butler Kat Hoffman Kathy Riegel Michael Thuente Michelle Popp
Kettering	St Charles Borromeo	Christopher Bigelow Debbie Waker Jodi Boeddeker John Bertke

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Kettering	St Charles Borromeo	Katy Bundy Lisa Carlson
Medina	St Francis Xavier	Amy Evrard Anne Maxon Carly Sandridge Christa Borling Christina Bresnahan Danene Beal Elizabeth Cobb Elizabeth Keany Hailie Jester Jane Unsdorfer Kaitlin Gesicki Kaitlin Sharp KathyJo Fronk Kelly Carlin Mary McAllister Monica Gorman Nathan Stewart Nick Burns Pamela Bugner Patricia Cathcart Ryan Jakubczak Shelly Cloud Stephanie Baker Stephanie Novicky
Miamisburg	Dayton Christian School	BethAnn Whitney Bill Norvell Tom Minor
N Ridgeville	St Peter	Andre Byrne Ann Marie Hice

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N Ridgeville	St Peter	Carol Wittkopf Danielle Lindsey Donna Krupka Donna Stano Eileen Geiger Holly Trampush Jackie Masaveg Janis Van Dyke Kiersten Sanfilippo Molly Reichle Nichole Pinta Nicole Pozega Niki Sherman Roger Brooks Terri Barlow
N Royalton	St Albert The Great	Ann Graber Bradford Dorland Carri Metcalfe Debbie Schermaier Gianna Caroniti Jeff Stanowick Kathleen Smith Kelly Beskid Theresa Basch
New Lexington	New Lexington MS	Angie Fondale Anna Fox Dave Burkhart Dusti Samson Jacob Reyher Jerimiah Schluep Jody Newlon Michael Spurgus

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New Lexington	New Lexington MS	Rob Brokaw Shannon George Sonja Hill Stacie Hopple Stacie Martindale Tanner Cook Tara Watts Taylor Maclam
Ottawa Hills	Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior HS	Brooks Spiess Dan Feuerstein Diane Drabek Gerry Davis Gloria Kreischer Gajewicz Hannah Lehmann Jeremy Nixon Joan Keckler Kristin Johnson Liz Puskala Michael Leeds Nicole Silvers Patty Dowd Paul Genzman Tim Adkins Tony Torio
Parma Hts	Incarnate Word Academy	Adam Havel Cheryl DelBane Christina Kotsanis Claire Kovacs Cynthia Rossman Debbie Schieferle Elizabeth Grusenmeyer Hannah Cajka

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Parma Hts	Incarinate Word Academy	Hannah Dunlap Jessica Sullivan Jill Rolle Kara O'Rourke Karen Micheli Katie Cuevas Kimberly Vacanti Linda Harb Mallory Marsico Mary Beth Schram Stacy Shalala Sue Szabo Theresa Hovanec Davey Traci Borden
Perrysburg	St Rose	Rick Nudd
Sidney	Holy Angels	Amanda Brandewie Carrie O'Leary Ellen Brandon Gwen Stiver Tony Wagner
Sidney	Lehman Catholic HS	Denny Maas Kevin Cameron Leah Velez Melissa Safreed Nick Wolters Pam Wendel Sister Ginny Scherer Tony Wagners Tracy Hall
Springfield	Northeastern HS	Christy Wilbur

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St Clairsville	East Richland Christian School	Aaron Mostia Brian Yourko Eric Woods Jane Powell Jennifer Gooch Jessica Crumm Juanita Roxby Kama Martin Kari Yockey
Strongsville	Sts Joseph & John Interparochial	Jane Kopy Katy Byrne
Sunbury	Big Walnut Intermediate	Amy Eikenberry Bob Keep Bryn Deibert Casey Wright Danielle Lyons Jennilyn Haer Karen Bodker Katie Graven Lindsey Rakich Mike Stone Stacey Hamilton Wendy Austin
Sylvania	Sylvania Northview HS	Andy Roth Greg Christy Kathryn Nelson Lauren Stewart Michelle Bogue Ryan Reed Sarah Rhine

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Wooster	St Mary Immaculate Conception	Alison Eby Alli Bureau Carla Veil Darryl Woods Deb Figley Jim Clark Lisa Owens Mary Boyer Michael Seifried Sherri Metcalf Traci Strozyk