

# BEST IN FAIR

2026 COORSTEK DENVER METRO REGIONAL  
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

## SENIOR BEST IN FAIR

**1ST PLACE** Amy Zhang

**2ND PLACE** Saige Tinker & Emery Doser

**3RD PLACE** Niels Novotny

**1ST ALTERNANT** Aryaveer Sheoran & Kowshik Shanmugamani

**2ND ALTERNANT** Arshia Koul

**Congratulations to Amy Zhang, Saige Tinker, Emery Doser,  
and Niels Novotny on being nominated to represent DMRSEF  
at the International Science and Engineering Fair in  
Phoenix, Arizona, May 10-15th, 2026.**

## JUNIOR BEST IN FAIR

**1ST PLACE** Ainsley Salaz

**2ND PLACE** Nadiya Abarca-Reynoso

**3RD PLACE** Anirudh Rao

**STAY TUNED FOR A COMPLETE PRESS RELEASE AND  
LIST OF SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS!**

# JUNIOR CATEGORY AWARDS

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## JUNIOR ANIMAL & PLANT SCIENCES

**1ST PLACE** Elena Amador

**2ND PLACE** Mikaela Ludden & Charlotte Hoffman

**3RD PLACE** Ashton Power

**HONORABLE MENTION** Basma Essebar

**HONORABLE MENTION** Gerardo Rodriguez

## JUNIOR BIOLOGY & MICROBIOLOGY

**1ST PLACE** Yasaswini Vinjamuri

**2ND PLACE** Maya Harikrishna

## JUNIOR CHEMISTRY

**1ST PLACE** Humza Memon

**2ND PLACE** Rudrika Agarwal

**3RD PLACE** Margot Johnson

## JUNIOR COMPUTER SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

**1ST PLACE** Anand Zolboo

## JUNIOR EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

**1ST PLACE** Ali Aboutabl

**2ND PLACE** Eashanand Palakollu

**3RD PLACE** Amelie Byyny

**HONORABLE MENTION** Dakari Blanton

## **JUNIOR ENGINEERING**

**1ST PLACE** Shaurya Sisodia

**2ND PLACE** Leo Juarez

**3RD PLACE** Aarav Raisinghani

## **JUNIOR MATERIALS SCIENCE**

**1ST PLACE** Anirudh Rao

**2ND PLACE** Rosalee Brinster

## **JUNIOR MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES**

**1ST PLACE** Ainsley Salaz

**2ND PLACE** Anna Antohe

## **JUNIOR PHYSICS, ENERGY, & ASTRONOMY**

**1ST PLACE** Musab Atif

**2ND PLACE** Nimisha Upadhyay & Azaria Saiz

## **JUNIOR SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

**1ST PLACE** Nadiya Abarca-Reynoso

**2ND PLACE** Ava McFarland

**3RD PLACE** Bhavish Matli

# SENIOR CATEGORY AWARDS

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## SENIOR ANIMAL & PLANT SCIENCES

**1ST PLACE** Niels Novotny

**2ND PLACE** Diego Jose

**3RD PLACE** Akshaj Adimulam

## SENIOR BIOLOGY & MICROBIOLOGY

**1ST PLACE** Saige Tinker & Emery Doser

**2ND PLACE** Abhijay Kodadala

## SENIOR CHEMISTRY

**1ST PLACE** Abdullahi Adan, Kamal Khalif, & Ebenezer Yimam

**2ND PLACE** Miley Gallegos

**3RD PLACE** Mia Gallegos

**HONORABLE MENTION** Jack Griepentrog

## SENIOR COMPUTER SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

**1ST PLACE** Amy Zhang

**2ND PLACE** Arshia Koul

**3RD PLACE** Eshaan Yendamuri

## SENIOR EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

**1ST PLACE** Isaac Stong

**2ND PLACE** Adwoa Adjei, Joselyn Davila, & Isabella Yama Vidal

**3RD PLACE** Zakria Munasar, Ryan Okolie, & Nathaniem Tadesse

## **SENIOR ENGINEERING**

**1ST PLACE** Aryaveer Sheoran & Kowshik Shanmugamani

**2ND PLACE** Rachel Rojhani

**3RD PLACE** Harshini Palakollu

**HONORABLE MENTION** Arnav Rohilla

**HONORABLE MENTION** Tyson Hansen

## **SENIOR MATERIALS SCIENCE**

**1ST PLACE** Evelyn Seevers

**2ND PLACE** Halyn Lee

## **SENIOR MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES**

**1ST PLACE** Aariv Arora

**2ND PLACE** Vikram Raju

**3RD PLACE** Brahan Eashwer Parameswari Bagavathi Perumal

## **SENIOR PHYSICS, ENERGY, & ASTRONOMY**

**1ST PLACE** Pranav Challa

**2ND PLACE** Shreyas Gadepalli

## **SENIOR SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

**1ST PLACE** Genesis Archila-Ochoa & Edna Abel

**2ND PLACE** Natalia Woolcock

**3RD PLACE** Anthony Zarlengo

# SPECIAL AWARDS

## 2026 COORSTEK DENVER METRO REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

American Psychological Association Award **Margaret Nourse**  
Association of Women Geoscientists Award **Sarah Margraf**  
Cherry Creek Water Quality Award **Abouyoussef and Vildan Fidan**  
Cherry Creek Water Quality Award **Gaby Romero and Sylvia Emmons**  
Citadel Securities Innovation Prize - Junior **Bethany Dawit**  
Citadel Securities Innovation Prize - Senior **Evelyn Seevers**  
CO/WY American Statistical Association Award **Anna Antohe**  
CO/WY American Statistical Association Award **Hayden Chen**  
CoorsTek - Junior Award **Anirudh Rao**  
CoorsTek - Senior Award **Porter Mitchelmore**  
CU Denver Department of Physics Special Award **Zak Dollar and Milo Kubista**  
Denver Astronomical Society Junior Young Physicist Award **Larsson Burke**  
Denver Astronomical Society Senior Young Physicist Award **Mia Peterson**  
DMNS Junior Science Communication Award **Arriya Haney**  
DMNS Senior Science Communication Award **Emma J Woolcock**  
DMRSEF Teacher of the Year Award **Amal Atwah**  
Serdar Family Independent Thinker Award **Aariv Arora**  
Lemelson Early Inventor **Anirudh Rao**  
NASA Earth System Science **Emily Heidarsson**  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration **Gaby Romero & Sylvia Emmons**  
NCEYH Girls in STEM Award **Oumou Diarra, Kewser Negash, Hermon Zaid**  
Parker Arts - Culture in Science Award **Amy Zhang**  
Parker Arts - History in Science Award **Evelyn Seevers**  
Parker Water Encouraging Environmental Excellence Award **Eashanand Palakollu**  
Regeneron BioMed Award **Vikram Raju**  
RICOH Sustainable Development Award **Levi Goncharov**  
Society for InVitro Biology **Emery Doser and Saige Tinker**  
DMRSEF Spirit of Science Award **Rami Bouayad**  
DMRSEF Spirit of Science Award **Dafna Wursch**  
DMRSEF Spirit of Science Award **Mira Kapadia**  
DMRSEF Spirit of Science Award **Adam Friederichs**  
Student Choice Award - Junior **Oumou Diarra, Kewser Negash, Hermon Zaid**  
Student Choice Award - Senior **Rithvik Kothuri**

U.S. Metric Association Award **Mishika Bhatia**

United States Air Force Award - Junior **Omar Al-Adayleh**

United States Air Force Award - Junior **Leo Juarez**

United States Air Force Award - Senior **Mashika Bhatia**

United States Air Force Award - Senior **Nyjah Munn**

United States Office of Naval Research Award **Greta Deutmeyer**

United States Office of Naval Research Award **Aanshi Shah**

United States Office of Naval Research Award **Isaac Stong**

United States Office of Naval Research Award **Aaron Stewart**

United States Office of Naval Research Award **Abdu Sager**

United States Office of Naval Research Award **Vedanth Raju**

Ursa Major Bearospace Award **Aryaveer Sheoran and Kowshik Shanmugamani**

Stockholm Junior Water Prize **Isaac Stong**

Yale Science and Engineering Award **Aiden Seo**

Young Changemaker Award **Daniel Buddin**

Young Changemaker Award **Ava McFarland**

Young Changemaker Award **Emma J Woolcock**

# NOMINEES

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## Junior Innovator Challenge Nominees:

Ainsley Salaz  
Ali Aboutabl  
Anand Zolboo  
Anirudh Rao  
Elena Amador  
Humza Memon  
Musab Atif  
Nadiya Abarca-Reynoso  
Shaurya Sisodia  
Yasaswini Vinjamuri

## Invention Convention Nominees:

Ainsley Salaz  
Anirudh Rao  
Leo Juarez  
Shaurya Sisodia  
Adam Friederichs  
Vedanth Raju

**PARTICIPANTS WHO PLACED 1ST, 2ND, OR 3RD IN  
THEIR CATEGORY ARE NOMINATED TO MOVE ON TO  
THE COLORADO SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR,  
APRIL 9-11TH AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY.**