

# 2023 Colorado Science and Engineering Fair

## Grand Awards Press Release

### Junior Division Best of CSEF Project

#### First Place

Aanshi Shah 8th grade  
*Make Some Noise! An Innovative Method to Produce Electricity Using Sound*  
 Thunder Vista P-8 School Broomfield

#### Second Place

Diya Mehta 8th grade  
*Environmental Effects on the Embryonic Development of Sea Urchins*  
 Flagstaff Academy Longmont

#### Third Place

Charlie Danko 8th grade  
*An Affordable Robot for Dangerous Factories*  
 Flagstaff Academy Longmont

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*A Novel Phosphosite Localization Approach using Tandem Phosphoprotein Mass Spectra and Temporal Dilated Networks*  
 Fairview High School Boulder

#### Second Place

Aditi Avinash 11th grade  
*Model Validation and Preclinical Testing of Digestive Enzymes for Gluten Breakdown*  
 Rock Canyon High School Littleton

#### Third Place

Nathaniel Ellis 11th grade  
*MOON-OPOLY II: Employing Additive Manufacturing Technology for Lunar Construction with Waterless Concrete*  
 Durango High School Durango

#### Fourth Place

Carlos Ochoa-Marquez 12th grade  
*The Effect of Heavy Metal Toxicity on Solanum tuberosum, Cucurbita pepo, Medicago sativa, and Capsicum annum Plants Inoculated with Mycorrhizae*  
 Monte Vista High School Monte Vista

#### Fifth Place

Marissa Martinez 12th grade  
*The Efficacy of Abiotic/Biotic Factors and Trap Design for Effective Capture of Invasive American Bullfrog*  
 Monte Vista High School Monte Vista

### Junior Division Animal Sciences

#### First Place

Diya Mehta 8th grade  
*Environmental Effects on the Embryonic Development of Sea Urchins*  
 Flagstaff Academy Longmont

#### Second Place

Grace Marmorstein 8th grade  
*The Insect Repellent Properties of Nepetalactone*  
 Challenge School Denver

#### Third Place

Grace Jones 7th grade  
*I'm Not Yoking Around: Evaluating How the Food That Chickens Eat Affect The Width of The Egg Shell*  
 Wray Jr/Sr High School Wray

#### Honorable Mention

Ayra Memon 7th grade  
*Bioluminescence in Pyrocystis Fusiformis*  
 Crescent View Academy Aurora

#### Honorable Mention

Vivian Wolkow 6th grade  
*Does the Tail Remember What the Head Saw?*  
 North Middle School Colorado Springs

### Senior Division Animal Sciences

#### First Place

Marissa Martinez 12th grade  
*The Efficacy of Abiotic/Biotic Factors and Trap Design for Effective Capture of Invasive American Bullfrog*  
 Monte Vista High Schoolg Monte Vista

#### Second Place

Zoey Montoya 10th grade  
 Everett Ediger 11th grade  
*How Qualities of Soil Affect Where Aphonopelma Hentzi Burrows in the Colorado Grassland*  
 La Junta Jr/Sr High School La Junta

#### Third Place

Harrison Ruleman 12th grade  
*Do Snakes Avoid Certain Colors of Light?*  
 Evergreen High School Evergreen

### Junior Division Behavioral & Social Sciences

#### First Place

Sunand Bhandaram 7th grade  
*Do Phones Amongst Middle Schoolers Affect Their Grades?*  
 Campus Middle School Greenwood Village

#### Second Place

Ryler Horansky 8th grade  
 Liam Yee 8th grade  
*Does The Student-Teacher Ratio in Middle School Affect How Connected Students Feel To Their Teachers?*  
 Horizons K-8 School Boulder

#### Third Place

Samantha Goetz 6th grade  
*How Childproof Are Medication Bottles?*  
 St. Peter Catholic School Monument

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Ling-Ling Ryan 8th grade  
*How Do Gender and Age Affect the Legibility of Handwriting?*  
 Summit Middle Charter School Boulder

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#### First Place

Elise Brodsky 12th grade  
*The Effects of Perpatrator Race and Gender on the Reliability of Eyewitness Accounts*  
 Nederland Middle-Senior High School Nederland

#### Second Place

Cadence Casey 9th grade  
*The Effects of Peer Pressure in Social Media*  
 SkyView Academy Highlands Ranch

#### Third Place

Evelyn Seevers 9th grade  
*Analyzing Data of Data Analysis of Analyzed Data About Exoplanets*  
 Conifer High School Conifer

### Honorable Mention

Asia Alarid 11th grade  
*Neuron My Mind: Analysis of Different Brain Altering Substances on Student Performance*  
 Monte Vista High School Monte Vista

### Junior Division Biomedical & Health Sciences

#### First Place

Emma Beeby 8th grade  
*The Effect of Stress on the Amount of Carbon Dioxide Exhaled*  
 Skinner Middle School Denver

#### Second Place

Kapil Bhandaram 7th grade  
*Is There A Relationship Between Meditation and Muscle Reaction Time?*  
 Campus Middle School Greenwood Village

#### Third Place

Lauren Gdanitz 8th grade  
 Scarlett Paulson 8th grade  
*Applying Ionizing Radiation to DNA: Determining the Effectiveness of Different Protection Methods Against Ionizing Radiation*  
 Wray Jr/Sr High School Wray

### Honorable Mention

Terra McClure 7th grade  
*Oh Snap!*  
 Rocky Ford Jr/Sr High School Rocky Ford

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#### First Place

Aditi Avinash 11th grade  
*Model Validation and Preclinical Testing of Digestive Enzymes for Gluten Breakdown*  
 Rock Canyon High School Littleton

#### Second Place

Jessie Hsu 11th grade  
*Predicting Patient Disability in MS from MRI Brain Abnormalities Using Machine Learning*  
 Fairview High School Boulder

#### Third Place

Angelina Wang 10th grade  
*The Bowman-Birk Inhibitor: The Peptide with Potential Improvement for the Oral Delivery of Insulin*  
 Fairview High School Boulder

### Junior Division Chemistry

#### First Place

Arath Carrazco 8th grade  
*Amount of Caffeine in Coffee*  
 Wiggins Middle School Wiggins

#### Second Place

Jocelyn Kramer 6th grade  
*The Exodus of Ca<sup>+</sup>: Does Container Material Affect Calcium Levels in Milk?*  
 Good Shepherd Catholic School Denver

#### Third Place

Tami Torgler 8th grade  
*May the Force Be with You*  
 Sargent Junior High School Monte Vista

### Honorable Mention

River Wilson 6th grade  
*The Magnificent Mastication Mechanism*  
 Lamar Middle School Lamar

### Honorable Mention

Maya Rokhlenko 7th grade  
 Olive Spohn 7th grade  
*Water = Bad: Your Solution To Not Seeing in Rain*  
 Flagstaff Academy Longmont

### Senior Division Chemistry

#### First Place

Augustus Miller 11th grade  
*Synthesizing Cellulose Acetate and Paper-Based Plastic from Cellulose Derivatives to Produce a Biodegradable 3D Printable Filament*  
 Monte Vista High School Monte Vista

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## Second Place

Daniel Saeb 11th grade  
*Investigating How Hydrogel Connectivity Influence Their Mechanical Properties*  
Boulder High School Boulder

## Third Place

Victoria Balleau 12th grade  
*The Effectiveness and Toxicity of Various Chemicals When Removing Aerosol Oil-Based Spray Paints*  
Evergreen High School Evergreen

## Junior Division Earth & Environmental Sciences

### First Place

Tyler Wise 8th grade  
*Does Crop Residue Affect Soil Water Retention*  
Liberty School Joes

### Second Place

Mathangi Kurup 8th grade  
*The Effect of Microalgae Grown in Different Concentrations of Liquid Carbon on Atmospheric CO2 Levels*  
Challenge School Denver

### Third Place

Kaycee Clark 7th grade  
*Putting Down Roots: The Study of How Poaceae Roots Affect Water Erosion*  
Wray Jr/Sr High School Wray

### Honorable Mention

Grace Xue 8th grade  
*Using C. elegans To Determine Toxicity of Marshall Fire*  
Summit Middle Charter School Boulder

### Honorable Mention

Varun Velmurugan 7th grade  
*Risk Assessment of Fluoride Contamination in Water: A Study Using Brine Shrimp Model*  
Campus Middle School Greenwood Village

## Senior Division Earth & Environmental Sciences

### First Place

Jacob Ho 11th grade  
*How Abnormally Dry and Windy Were Days with Fires in Colorado's Front Range from 1984-2021? Towards Identifying Fire-Predictors for a Machine Learning Modeling System*  
Fairview High School Boulder

### Second Place

Minna Most 12th grade  
Teddy Blum 12th grade  
*Environmental Changes and the Effects of the SAM on Coccolithophores in the Southern Ocean*  
Monarch High School Louisville

## Third Place

Landon Hartman 12th grade  
*Economic Impacts of Wolf Populations on Livestock Ranching and Big Game Hunting in the Northern Rockies*  
Evergreen High School Evergreen

## Honorable Mention

Joshua Ho 11th grade  
*The Effects of Dissolved Organic Matter (DOM) on Emiliana Huxleyi*  
Fairview High School Boulder

## Honorable Mention

Cami Wolkow 9th grade  
*Isolation of Fungi Capable of Antibiotic Bioremediation*  
Palmer High School Colorado Springs

## Junior Division Energy

### First Place

Aanshi Shah 8th grade  
*Make Some Noise! An Innovative Method to Produce Electricity Using Sound*  
Thunder Vista P-8 School Broomfield

### Second Place

Advait Jadhav 6th grade  
*Sweat It Out, The Green Way!*  
Chinook Train Elementary School Colorado Springs

### Third Place

Vikram Raju 8th grade  
*Energenius: Clean Energy on the GO*  
Aurora Quest K-8 School Aurora

### Honorable Mention

Euan Shorkey 8th grade  
*Embouchure Energy*  
Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins

## Senior Division Energy

### First Place

Natalie Muro 9th grade  
*Buoy Wave Energy Converters Capture of Ocean Wave Energy*  
Palmer High School Colorado Springs

### Second Place

Wilson Moyer 12th grade  
*Applying Machine Learning to Forecast Solar Production and Reduce Reliance on Fossil Fuels*  
Lakewood High School Lakewood

### Third Place

Shrey Rohilla 10th grade  
*Electrify Your Step - The Next Stride: Converting Foot Traffic into Renewable Energy Using Piezoelectric Transducers*  
The Classical Academy Colorado Springs

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### Honorable Mention

Keegan Gomez	12th grade
<i>Micro-renewable Energy</i>	
Centaurus High School	Lafayette

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#### First Place

Charlie Danko	8th grade
<i>An Affordable Robot for Dangerous Factories</i>	
Flagstaff Academy	Longmont

#### Second Place

David "Bear" Kent V	8th grade
<i>The Super Speaker: Using Digital Signal Processing To Improve Low-Quality Speakers</i>	
Eagleview Middle School	Colorado Springs

#### Third Place

Cuinn Archer	7th grade
<i>Colorado Air Conditioning</i>	
Mancos Middle School	Mancos

#### Honorable Mention

Patrick Thomas	8th grade
<i>Volatus Veritas: The Examination of Aircraft Wing Shape According To Two Different Speed Variables</i>	
Home School	Delta

#### Honorable Mention

Morgan Drullinger	6th grade
<i>Combining TPU and PLA to Make a Better 3D Printer Filament</i>	
Liberty School	Joes

### Senior Division Engineering

#### First Place

Nathaniel Ellis	11th grade
<i>MOON-OPOLY II: Employing Additive Manufacturing Technology for Lunar Construction with Waterless Concrete</i>	
Durango High School	Durango

#### Second Place

Rhys Hanson	12th grade
<i>The View From Above, Designing a High Power Rocket Glider to Expand Options for SAR, Mapping, and Military Applications</i>	
Conifer High School	Conifer

#### Third Place

Geo Raguraman	11th grade
<i>Regeneratus: An Adaptive, Regenerative Protection Suit for All Law Enforcement and Armed Personnel</i>	
Discovery Canyon High School	Colorado Springs

#### Honorable Mention

John Butler	9th grade
<i>Pecker Protector Egg Defender</i>	
West Grand High School	Kremmling

### Honorable Mention

Kenneth Zittel	11th grade
<i>R.O.T. Slide</i>	
Central High School	Pueblo

### Junior Division Environmental Engineering

#### First Place

Zoe Wang	8th grade
<i>Recycling by Zapping: Recyclability and Efficiency of Recycling Different Polyesters</i>	
Summit Middle Charter School	Boulder

#### Second Place

Toshiro Nagafuji	8th grade
<i>Alternatives to Sand in Concrete</i>	
The Logan School	Denver

#### Third Place

Theodore Chastang	8th grade
<i>Using Green Roofs to Absorb Floodwaters</i>	
Summit Middle Charter School	Boulder

#### Honorable Mention

Bode Monahan	6th grade
<i>Air Pollution Detection System</i>	
Liberty School	Joes

### Senior Division Environmental Engineering

#### First Place

Ella Seevers	12th grade
<i>Energy Efficient Cooling of Buildings in the Mountains</i>	
Cole Gropp	12th grade
<i>Conifer High School</i>	
Conifer High School	Conifer

#### Second Place

Amrita Saini	11th grade
<i>Investigating Natural Hydrogels to Sustain Bioluminescent Algae for Sustainable Lighting and CO2 Removal</i>	
Peak to Peak Charter School	Lafayette

#### Third Place

Alexander Zhang	10th grade
<i>Stella Laird</i>	
<i>Reprint: Closed-Loop Materials Flow in Additive Manufacturing</i>	
Fairview High School	Boulder

### Junior Division Mathematics & Computer Sciences

#### First Place

Liam Griffin	7th grade
<i>Running Low on Water: Formula for the Future</i>	
Sargent Junior High School	Monte Vista

#### Second Place

Helen Wan	8th grade
<i>Measuring the Particulate Matter in Air Quality with Raspberry Pi</i>	
Challenger Middle School	Colorado Springs

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### Third Place

Lucca Tumbush 8th grade  
 Seth Wilson 8th grade  
*Friend/Foe Light*  
 Eagleview Middle School Colorado Springs

### Honorable Mention

Aidan McGuire 7th grade  
*How Does Background Clutter Affect Image Recognition*  
 St. Peter Catholic School Monument

### Honorable Mention

Daniel Joshua 8th grade  
*Pattern Detection  $i+6/8*n$  Rubik's Cubes*  
 Southern Hills Middle School Boulder

## Senior Division Mathematics & Computer Sciences

### First Place

Margaret Arthur 11th grade  
*A Novel Phosphosite Localization Approach using Tandem  
 Phosphoprotein Mass Spectra and Temporal Dilated Networks*  
 Fairview High School Boulder

### Second Place

Michael Gao 10th grade  
*Long Short-term Memory Recurrent Neural Networks as a Novel  
 Strategy for Designing Targeted Antibiotic Treatments*  
 Fairview High School Boulder

### Third Place

Liam Sweeney 12th grade  
*American Sign Language Translator*  
 Centaurus High School Lafayette

## Junior Division Micro & Molecular Biology

### First Place

Lilly Hirsch 7th grade  
*How Well Do Disinfectants Work?*  
 Foundations Academy Brighton

### Second Place

Piper Reitz 7th grade  
*Inflection Reflection: An Inquiry on Antibiotic Resistance*  
 Lamar Middle School Lamar

### Third Place

Trista Hartman 8th grade  
*Cleaning My School, One Bacterium At A Time*  
 Hi-Plains School Seibert

### Honorable Mention

Makayla Milligan 8th grade  
*Does the Environment Matter?*  
 Cardinal Community Academy Keenesburg

### Honorable Mention

Connor Knight 7th grade  
*Disinfecting with Boiling Water: Does It Make Objects Safe?*  
 Corwin International Magnet School Pueblo

## Senior Division Micro & Molecular Biology

### First Place

Kylie Berg 11th grade  
*Effect of Ionic Zinc Availability on the Replication of Human  
 Mammary Epithelial Carcinoma Cells*  
 Fairview High School Boulder

### Second Place

Vanya Lavu 10th grade  
*Am I Effective?*  
 The Classical Academy Colorado Springs

### Third Place

Armaan Gill 10th grade  
*Confirming E. coli Transformations Using PCR Assay Tests and  
 Electrophoresis*  
 Lamar High School Lamar

### Honorable Mention

Max Montoya 9th grade  
*Terrific Tardigrades*  
 Ignacio High School Ignacio

## Junior Division Physics & Astronomy

### First Place

Lexi Oder 8th grade  
*How Does Asymmetry Affect Human Optics?*  
 Summit Middle Charter School Boulder

### Second Place

Fischer Robbins 8th grade  
*The Affects of Ski Wax*  
 Summit Middle Charter School Boulder

### Third Place

Hayden Forst 6th grade  
*From Ignition, Will Cotton, Wool or Polyester Burn the  
 Longest?*  
 Dove Creek Middle School Dove Creek

### Honorable Mention

Evelyn Lapp 6th grade  
*The Force Is Strong with This One*  
 Brush Middle School Brush

## Senior Division Physics & Astronomy

### First Place

Abigail Ross 12th grade  
*Detecting Flares (Part 5)*  
 Lamar High School Lamar

### Second Place

Alexandra Flint 12th grade  
*Effect of Different Rover Wheel Materials on Triboelectric  
 Charge of Lunar Simulant Dust Particles*  
 Peak to Peak Charter School Lafayette

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## Third Place

Parker Stone 12th grade  
Bailey Link 12th grade  
*Performance of Pyramidal Airfoils in an Oscillating Wind Chamber*  
Brush High School Brush

## Honorable Mention

Addison Mondragon 9th grade  
*Flourenheit: Does the Type of Flour Effect Its Flammability?*  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista

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## Junior Division Plant Sciences

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### First Place

Levi Goncharov 8th grade  
*Ascorbic Acid In Leaves As A Method of Determining Air Quality*  
Challenge School Denver

### Second Place

Tessa Piñeiro 6th grade  
*Plentiful Waterful: Which Propagation Solution Helps Plants Grow?*  
Good Shepherd Catholic School Denver

### Third Place

Shary Batiz 6th grade  
*Vita-Grow?*  
Alta Vista Charter School Lamar

### Honorable Mention

Paisley Wiersma 6th grade  
Ashlyn Mosher 6th grade  
*How Fast Does Corn Mold?*  
Genoa-Hugo School Hugo

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## Senior Division Plant Sciences

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### First Place

Carlos Ochoa-Marquez 12th grade  
*The Effect of Heavy Metal Toxicity on Solanum tuberosum, Cucurbita pepo, Medicago sativa, and Capsicum annuum Plants Inoculated with Mycorrhizae*  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista

### Second Place

Naomi Kruse 9th grade  
*Finding Ferns: Defining the Microclimate That Enables Gametophyte Growth in the Santa Monica Mountains*  
Schullandheim Home School Colorado Springs

### Third Place

Hannah Shelton 10th grade  
*Warning! High Fire Danger! Observing the Relationship between the Fuel Moisture Levels of Pinyon Pine and Sagebrush to Observed Precipitation Levels*  
Centauri High School La Jara

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*Saved By the Light*

## Colorado Science & Engineering Fair

### *Elemer Bernath Memorial Technical Writing Award*

Mathangi Kurup 8th grade  
certificate

Challenge School Denver

*The Effect of Microalgae Grown in Different Concentrations of  
Liquid Carbon on Atmospheric CO2 Levels*

Grace Xue 8th grade  
certificate

Summit Middle Charter School Boulder  
*Using C. elegans To Determine Toxicity of Marshall Fire*

Kaycee Clark 7th grade  
\$100, certificate

Wray Jr/Sr High School Wray  
*Putting Down Roots: The Study of How Poaceae Roots Affect  
Water Erosion*

### *Poster Art Contest*

Zoey Montoya 10th grade  
\$100, certificate

La Junta Jr/Sr High School La Junta

### *Ralph Desch Memorial Technical Writing Award*

Margaret Arthur 11th grade  
certificate

Fairview High School Boulder  
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Alexander Zhang 10th grade  
Stella Laird 10th grade

\$100, certificate  
Fairview High School Boulder  
*Reprint: Closed-Loop Materials Flow in Additive Manufacturing*

### *Student Choice Award*

Patrick Thomas 8th grade  
\$100, certificate

Home School Delta  
*Volatus Veritas: The Examination of Aircraft Wing Shape  
According To Two Different Speed Variables*

John Butler 9th grade  
\$100, certificate

West Grand High School Kremmling  
*Pecker Protector Egg Defender*

## Pioneers of Science

### *Burt Ratan*

Chase Buron 7th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
Vail Mountain School Vail

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## *Dian Fossey*

Vivian Wolkow 6th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
North Middle School Colorado Springs  
*Does the Tail Remember What the Head Saw?*

## *Donna Theo Strickland*

Lexi Oder 8th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
Summit Middle Charter School Boulder  
*How Does Asymmetry Affect Human Optics?*

## *Elizabeth Helen Blackburn*

Terra McClure 7th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
Rocky Ford Jr/Sr High School Rocky Ford  
*Oh Snap!*

## *George Tchobanoglous*

Bode Monahan 6th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
Liberty School Joes  
*Air Pollution Detection System*

## *Jack Kilby*

Berkely Ulibarri 8th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
St. John the Evangelist Catholic School Loveland  
*Using Probability To Model Radioisotope Dating*

## *James Patrick Allison*

Jaylee Rodriques 8th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
Sargent Junior High School Monte Vista  
*Rubby, Rub, Dub: What's in Your Tub?*

## *John Goodenough*

Jocelyn Kramer 6th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
Good Shepherd Catholic School Denver  
*The Exodus of Ca<sup>+</sup>: Does Container Material Affect Calcium Levels in Milk?*

## *Leon Festinger*

Eliana Feit 8th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
Summit Middle Charter School Boulder  
*Grip Strength: Increase Amount*

## *Luther Burbank*

Tenleigh Lorenzini 8th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
Wiggins Middle School Wiggins  
*Light IT grow*

## *Mary Ainsworth*

William Walker 8th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
Monte Vista Middle School Monte Vista  
*Is This for a Grade?*



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## *Steven Chu*

Durae Naranjo 8th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
Sargent Junior High School Monte Vista  
*What Are We Really Drinking?*

## *Wangari Muta Maathai*

Adam Ouattara 7th grade  
\$50, certificate, poster of pioneer scientist  
La Junta Jr/Sr High School La Junta  
*Fires in the Comanche Grasslands*

## Military

### United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps

#### *Air Force ROTC Award*

Patrick Thomas 8th grade  
certificate, over-the-shoulder sling pack, power bank charger,  
dog tag USB flash memory drive, dual USB car charger  
Home School Delta  
*Volatus Veritas: The Examination of Aircraft Wing Shape  
According To Two Different Speed Variables*

Kane Schrock 6th grade  
certificate, over-the-shoulder sling pack, power bank charger,  
dog tag USB flash memory drive, dual USB car charger  
Arickaree School Anton  
*Wind Tunnel Tests of Airfoil Performance*

Ersel Serdar 10th grade  
certificate, over-the-shoulder sling pack, power bank charger,  
dog tag USB flash memory drive, dual USB car charger  
Cherry Creek High School Greenwood Village  
*Designing A More Efficient Altitude Compensating Rocket  
Nozzle*

Parker Stone 12th grade  
Bailey Link 12th grade  
certificate, over-the-shoulder sling pack, power bank charger,  
dog tag USB flash memory drive, dual USB car charger  
Brush High School Brush  
*Performance of Pyramidal Airfoils in an Oscillating Wind  
Chamber*

### United States Navy & Marine Corps

#### *Navy Science & Engineering Award*

Kane Schrock 6th grade  
letter of congratulations, certificate, ONR medallion  
Arickaree School Anton  
*Wind Tunnel Tests of Airfoil Performance*

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*Effect of Different Rover Wheel Materials on Triboelectric  
Charge of Lunar Simulant Dust Particles*

## Organizational

### Air & Waste Management Association

#### Rocky Mountain States Section

#### *Air & Waste Management Award*

Juakin Sawatzky 8th grade  
\$100, certificate  
Liberty School Joes  
*Analysis of Mine Tailing Run-Off for Mine Tailings*

Zoe Wang 8th grade  
\$200, certificate  
Summit Middle Charter School Boulder  
*Recycling by Zapping: Recyclability and Efficiency of Recycling  
Different Polyesters*

Siena Parr 10th grade  
Samantha Abate 10th grade  
\$100, certificate  
Dolores High School Dolores  
*Radon in Rural Colorado: The Not So Noble Gas*

Carlos Ochoa-Marquez 12th grade  
\$200, certificate  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*The Effect of Heavy Metal Toxicity on Solanum tuberosum,  
Cucurbita pepo, Medicago sativa, and Capsicum annum Plants  
Inoculated with Mycorrhizae*

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## American Association of University Women

### AAUW CO Award for Women in STEM

Jocelyn Kramer 6th grade

\$100, certificate

Good Shepherd Catholic School Denver

*The Exodus of Ca<sup>+</sup>: Does Container Material Affect Calcium Levels in Milk?*

Cami Wolkow 9th grade

\$100, certificate

Palmer High School Colorado Springs

*Isolation of Fungi Capable of Antibiotic Bioremediation*

## American Industrial Hygiene Association,

### Rocky Mountain Section

### Excellence in Protection of Occupational Health and Safety

Varun Velmurugan 7th grade

\$150, certificate

Campus Middle School Greenwood Village

*Risk Assessment of Fluoride Contamination in Water: A Study Using Brine Shrimp Model*

Siena Parr 10th grade

Samantha Abate 10th grade

\$150, certificate

Dolores High School Dolores

*Radon in Rural Colorado: The Not So Noble Gas*

## American Institute of Chemical Engineers,

### Rocky Mountain Section

### Excellence in Chemical Engineering Award

Annthylea Bachicha 7th grade

\$150, certificate

Goodnight School Pueblo

*To Filter or Not To Filter*

Benjamin Bagelman 8th grade

Dominic Osterholt 8th grade

\$200, certificate

Friends School Boulder

*Enchanted Sand: A Device To Turn Sand into a Fluidized Bed*

Autumn Schulz 9th grade

\$150, certificate

Ignacio High School Ignacio

*Presence of PFA's in Colorado Water*

Ella Seevers 12th grade

Cole Gropp 12th grade

\$200, certificate

Conifer High School Conifer

*Energy Efficient Cooling of Buildings in the Mountains*

## American Statistical Association

### Colorado/Wyoming Chapter

### David Young Memorial Award

Parker Mitchell 7th grade

\$200, certificate, student membership in the American Statistical Association, acknowledgment at chapter spring meeting and on chapter web site

Sargent Junior High School Monte Vista

*What Are You Breathing? Radon Levels in Schools*

Angelina Wang 10th grade  
same award

Fairview High School Boulder

*The Bowman-Birk Inhibitor: The Peptide with Potential Improvement for the Oral Delivery of Insulin*

## American Vacuum Society

### Rocky Mountain Chapter

### Excellence in Physical Sciences & Engineering Award

Aanshi Shah 8th grade

\$50, certificate, \$50 matching award to teacher/sponsor

Thunder Vista P-8 School Broomfield

*Make Some Noise! An Innovative Method to Produce Electricity Using Sound*

Toshiro Nagafuji 8th grade

\$100, certificate, \$100 matching award to teacher/sponsor

The Logan School Denver

*Alternatives to Sand in Concrete*

Nathaniel Ellis 11th grade

\$50, certificate, \$50 matching award to teacher/sponsor

Durango High School Durango

*MOON-OPOLY II: Employing Additive Manufacturing Technology for Lunar Construction with Waterless Concrete*

Kelly Yang 10th grade

\$100, certification, \$100 matching award to teacher/sponsor

Fairview High School Boulder

*Skin PT: Pressure and Temperature Sensors for Electronic Skin*

## ASM International

### ASM Materials Education Foundation Award

Ren Richards 7th grade

\$100, certificate

Hi-Plains School Seibert

*Ice, Ice, Baby*

Kate Guengerich 7th grade

\$150, certificate

Peak to Peak Charter School Lafayette

*Infill Percentage and Strength to Weight Ratio of 3D Printed Parts*

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## Broadcom Foundation

### *Coding with Commitment Award*

Helen Wan 8th grade  
certificate, \$250 gift certificate, Raspberry Pi Pico kit  
Challenger Middle School Colorado Springs  
*Measuring the Particulate Matter in Air Quality with Raspberry Pi*

## Colorado Biology Teachers Association

### *CBTA Best Biology Project Award*

Vivian Wolkow 6th grade  
\$100, certificate  
North Middle School Colorado Springs  
*Does the Tail Remember What the Head Saw?*

Grace Marmorstein 8th grade  
\$150, certificate  
Challenge School Denver  
*The Insect Repellent Properties of Nepetalactone*

Marissa Martinez 12th grade  
\$150, certificate  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*The Efficacy of Abiotic/Biotic Factors and Trap Design for Effective Capture of Invasive American Bullfrog*

Aditi Avinash 11th grade  
\$200, certificate  
Rock Canyon High School Littleton  
*Model Validation and Preclinical Testing of Digestive Enzymes for Gluten Breakdown*

## Colorado Bioscience Institute

### *Future of Life Sciences Award*

Emma Beeby 8th grade  
\$25, certificate  
Skinner Middle School Denver  
*The Effect of Stress on the Amount of Carbon Dioxide Exhaled*

Aditi Avinash 11th grade  
\$75, certificate, student will be featured in the Institute's "Success Stories" in print, online, and on social media  
Rock Canyon High School Littleton  
*Model Validation and Preclinical Testing of Digestive Enzymes for Gluten Breakdown*

## Colorado Chemistry Teachers Association

### *CCTA Chemistry Award*

River Wilson 6th grade  
\$150, certificate  
Lamar Middle School Lamar  
*The Magnificent Mastication Mechanism*

Victoria Balleau 12th grade  
\$150, certificate  
Evergreen High School Evergreen  
*The Effectiveness and Toxicity of Various Chemicals When Removing Aerosol Oil-Based Spray Paints*

## Colorado Environmental Health Association

### *Environmental Health Award*

Parker Mitchell 7th grade  
\$75, certificate  
Sargent Junior High School Monte Vista  
*What Are You Breathing? Radon Levels in Schools*

Autumn Schulz 9th grade  
\$150, certificate, invitation to exhibit at the CEHA Annual Educational Conference (valued at \$400)  
Ignacio High School Ignacio  
*Presence of PFA's in Colorado Water*

## Colorado Foundation for Agriculture

### *Jack Fenwick Award for Agricultural Science*

Ayush Vispute 8th grade  
\$50, certificate  
Mountain Ridge Middle School Colorado Springs  
*Investigating Alternate Treatments of Acid Rain*

Alora Dible 8th grade  
same award  
Liberty School Joes  
*Dust in the Wind: A Wind Erosion Analysis*

Carlos Ochoa-Marquez 12th grade  
same award  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*The Effect of Heavy Metal Toxicity on Solanum tuberosum, Cucurbita pepo, Medicago sativa, and Capsicum annum Plants Inoculated with Mycorrhizae*

Landon Hartman 12th grade  
same award  
Evergreen High School Evergreen  
*Economic Impacts of Wolf Populations on Livestock Ranching and Big Game Hunting in the Northern Rockies*

## Colorado Medical Society

### *CMS Educational Foundation Award*

Kapil Bhandaram 7th grade  
\$100, invitation to the winners and their parents to exhibit at the Colorado Medical Society Annual Meeting and attendance at the Presidential Inaugural Dinner with a paid overnight stay  
Campus Middle School Greenwood Village  
*Is There A Relationship Between Meditation and Muscle Reaction Time?*

Aditi Avinash 11th grade  
\$100, invitation to the winners and their parents to exhibit at the Colorado Medical Society Annual Meeting and attendance at the Presidential Inaugural Dinner with a paid overnight stay  
Rock Canyon High School Littleton  
*Model Validation and Preclinical Testing of Digestive Enzymes for Gluten Breakdown*

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### Colorado Mineral Society

#### *Best Earth Science Award*

Karleigh Kinn 6th grade  
\$35, mineral specimen, certificate, book  
St. Columba Catholic School Durango  
*Meteor Impact 101*

Alora Dible 8th grade  
\$50, mineral specimen, certificate, book  
Liberty School Joes  
*Dust in the Wind: A Wind Erosion Analysis*

### Colorado Mycological Society

#### *Excellence in Mycological Research Award*

Makenzie Consaul 8th grade  
\$25, CMS membership, certificate, signed copy of Vera  
Evenson's "Rocky Mountain Mushrooms"  
Sargent Junior High School Monte Vista  
*The Power of Pantego?*

Cami Wolkow 9th grade  
\$50, CMS membership, certificate, signed copy of Vera  
Evenson's "Rocky Mountain Mushrooms"  
Palmer High School Colorado Springs  
*Isolation of Fungi Capable of Antibiotic Bioremediation*

Carlos Ochoa-Marquez 12th grade  
\$100, CMS membership, certificate, signed copy of Vera  
Evenson's "Rocky Mountain Mushrooms"  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*The Effect of Heavy Metal Toxicity on Solanum tuberosum,  
Cucurbita pepo, Medicago sativa, and Capsicum annuum Plants  
Inoculated with Mycorrhizae*

### Colorado Native Plant Society

#### *Colorado Native Plant Society Award*

Kaycee Clark 7th grade  
\$100, certificate, 1-year membership to Colorado Native  
Plant Society, book on Colorado native plants  
Wray Jr/Sr High School Wray  
*Putting Down Roots: The Study of How Poaceae Roots Affect  
Water Erosion*

Carlos Ochoa-Marquez 12th grade  
\$200, certificate, 1-year membership to Colorado Native  
Plant Society, book on Colorado native plants  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*The Effect of Heavy Metal Toxicity on Solanum tuberosum,  
Cucurbita pepo, Medicago sativa, and Capsicum annuum Plants  
Inoculated with Mycorrhizae*

### Colorado Section of the American Chemical Society

#### *ACS Chemistry Award*

Tymbri Priestley 6th grade  
\$50, certificate  
Mancos Middle School Mancos  
*Key Leavening Agents in Baking*

Skyelyn Lefever 8th grade  
same award  
Peetz Jr/Sr High School Peetz  
*Gel Electrophoresis*

Maya Rokhlenko 7th grade  
Olive Spohn 7th grade  
same award to each student  
Flagstaff Academy Longmont  
*Water = Bad: Your Solution To Not Seeing in Rain*

Emma Smith 6th grade  
\$75, certificate  
Mancos Middle School Mancos  
*Apple Rot Test*

**Jocelyn Kramer 6th grade**  
**\$125, certificate**  
**Good Shepherd Catholic School Denver**  
***The Exodus of Ca<sup>+</sup>: Does Container Material Affect Calcium  
Levels in Milk?***

Arath Carrazco 8th grade  
\$150, certificate  
Wiggins Middle School Wiggins  
*Amount of Caffeine in Coffee*

Natalie Tinoco 10th grade  
\$50, certificate  
Miami Yoder High School Rush  
*Cleaning Products and Their Effects on Household Surfaces*

**Victoria Balleau 12th grade**  
**same award**  
**Evergreen High School Evergreen**  
***The Effectiveness and Toxicity of Various Chemicals When  
Removing Aerosol Oil-Based Spray Paints***

Emilio Martinez 10th grade  
\$75, certificate  
Alamosa High School Alamosa  
*Project SP-8 (Sabatier Process to Infinity)*

Augustus Miller 11th grade  
\$125, certificate  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*Synthesizing Cellulose Acetate and Paper-Based Plastic from  
Cellulose Derivatives to Produce a Biodegradable 3D Printable  
Filament*

Daniel Saeb 11th grade  
\$150, certificate  
Boulder High School Boulder  
*Investigating How Hydrogel Connectivity Influence Their  
Mechanical Properties*

### Colorado State University

#### College of Agricultural Sciences

#### *Innovations in the Science of Agriculture Award*

Ayush Vispute 8th grade  
\$500, certificate  
Mountain Ridge Middle School Colorado Springs  
*Investigating Alternate Treatments of Acid Rain*

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Grace Jones 7th grade  
 \$500, certificate  
 Wray Jr/Sr High School Wray  
*I'm Not Yoking Around : Evaluating How The Food That Chickens Eat Affect The Width of The Egg Shell*

Valerie Goodland 11th grade  
 \$500, certificate  
 Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*You're Fired: An Analysis of Fire on Soil Sterilization and Hydrophobicity*

**Aditi Avinash** 11th grade  
 \$500, certificate  
 Rock Canyon High School Littleton  
*Model Validation and Preclinical Testing of Digestive Enzymes for Gluten Breakdown*

John Butler 9th grade  
 \$500, certificate  
 West Grand High School Kremmling  
*Pecker Protector Egg Defender*

### Colorado State University Colorado Natural Heritage Program CNHP Conservation Award

Kaycee Clark 7th grade  
 pint glass, Wetlands of Colorado guidebook, certificate  
 Wray Jr/Sr High School Wray  
*Putting Down Roots: The Study of How Poaceae Roots Affect Water Erosion*

**Landon Hartman** 12th grade  
 pint glass, Wetlands of Colorado guidebook, certificate  
 Evergreen High School Evergreen  
*Economic Impacts of Wolf Populations on Livestock Ranching and Big Game Hunting in the Northern Rockies*

### Colorado State University Department of Agricultural Biology Agricultural Biology Award

**Grace Marmorstein** 8th grade  
 \$100, certificate  
 Challenge School Denver  
*The Insect Repellent Properties of Nepetalactone*

Tyler Wise 8th grade  
 \$100, certificate  
 Liberty School Joes  
*Does Crop Residue Affect Soil Water Retention*

Naomi Kruse 9th grade  
 \$100, certificate  
 Schullandheim Home School Colorado Springs  
*Finding Ferns: Defining the Microclimate That Enables Gametophyte Growth in the Santa Monica Mountains*

Zoey Montoya 10th grade  
 Everett Ediger 11th grade  
 \$100, certificate  
 La Junta Jr/Sr High School La Junta  
*How Qualities of Soil Affect Where Aphonopelma Hentzi Burrows in the Colorado Grassland*

### Colorado State University Department of Chemistry Excellence in Chemistry Award

Gwendolyn Hohl 7th grade  
 Joe White 7th grade  
 \$150, certificate  
 Genoa-Hugo School Hugo  
*Does pH Affect How Fast Water Freezes?*

Ainsley Soleta 12th grade  
 Luke Ferguson 12th grade  
 \$150, certificate  
 Brush High School Brush  
*Tensile Strength of Nylon 6, 10*

### Colorado State University Dept. of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Excellence in Horticulture Award

**Levi Goncharov** 8th grade  
 \$100, certificate  
 Challenge School Denver  
*Ascorbic Acid In Leaves As A Method of Determining Air Quality*

Theodore Chastang 8th grade  
 \$100, certificate  
 Summit Middle Charter School Boulder  
*Using Green Roofs to Absorb Floodwaters*

Naomi Kruse 9th grade  
 \$100, certificate  
 Schullandheim Home School Colorado Springs  
*Finding Ferns: Defining the Microclimate That Enables Gametophyte Growth in the Santa Monica Mountains*

Carlos Ochoa-Marquez 12th grade  
 \$100, certificate  
 Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*The Effect of Heavy Metal Toxicity on Solanum tuberosum, Cucurbita pepo, Medicago sativa, and Capsicum annum Plants Inoculated with Mycorrhizae*

### Colorado State University, Energy Institute Excellence in Energy Achievement Award

**Wilson Moyer** 12th grade  
 \$250, certificate  
 Lakewood High School Lakewood  
*Applying Machine Learning to Forecast Solar Production and Reduce Reliance on Fossil Fuels*

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### Colorado Veterinary Medical Association

#### Veterinary Science Award

Vivian Wolkow 6th grade  
 \$100, certificate  
 North Middle School Colorado Springs  
*Does the Tail Remember What the Head Saw?*

#### Veterinary Science Award

Harrison Ruleman 12th grade  
 \$100, certificate  
 Evergreen High School Evergreen  
*Do Snakes Avoid Certain Colors of Light?*

### Colorado-Wyoming Society of American Foresters

#### Excellence in Forestry Research Award

Adam Ouattara 7th grade  
 \$200, certificate  
 La Junta Jr/Sr High School La Junta  
*Fires in the Comanche Grasslands*

#### Excellence in Forestry Research Award

Valerie Goodland 11th grade  
 same award  
 Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*You're Fired: An Analysis of Fire on Soil Sterilization and Hydrophobicity*

### Gromko Family

#### Gerald Gromko Memorial Award

Ersel Serdar 10th grade  
 \$250, certificate  
 Cherry Creek High School Greenwood Village  
*Designing A More Efficient Altitude Compensating Rocket Nozzle*

### Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, High Plains Section

#### IEEE Award

Charlie Danko 8th grade  
 \$125 cash card, certificate  
 Flagstaff Academy Longmont  
*An Affordable Robot for Dangerous Factories*

#### IEEE Award

Margaret Arthur 11th grade  
 \$175 cash card, certificate  
 Fairview High School Boulder  
*A Novel Phosphosite Localization Approach using Tandem Phosphoprotein Mass Spectra and Temporal Dilated Networks*

### Lemelson Foundation

#### Lemelson Early Inventor Prize

Justin Bendixson 8th grade  
 Myles Marhofer 8th grade  
 \$100 (response required from winner to process), certificate  
 Pueblo School for Arts & Science- Pueblo  
 Fulton Heights  
*Driver Safety Tech*

### Little Shop of Physics

#### Matthew McCausland Memorial Award

Rhett Taylor 8th grade  
 science equipment/instruments  
 Centauri Middle School La Jara  
*Battle of the Tape: Which Tape Has the Strongest Tensile and Adhesive Strength?*

#### Matthew McCausland Memorial Award

Kane Schrock 6th grade  
 science equipment/instruments  
 Arickaree School Anton  
*Wind Tunnel Tests of Airfoil Performance*

#### Matthew McCausland Memorial Award

Aanshi Shah 8th grade  
 science equipment/instruments  
 Thunder Vista P-8 School Broomfield  
*Make Some Noise! An Innovative Method to Produce Electricity Using Sound*

#### Matthew McCausland Memorial Award

Parker Stone 12th grade  
 Bailey Link 12th grade  
 science equipment/instruments  
 Brush High School Brush  
*Performance of Pyramidal Airfoils in an Oscillating Wind Chamber*

#### Matthew McCausland Memorial Award

Keegan Gomez 12th grade  
 science equipment/instruments  
 Centaurus High School Lafayette  
*Micro-renewable Energy*

### Lockheed Martin

#### Lockheed Martin Aerospace Award

Vikram Raju 8th grade  
 \$150, certificate  
 Aurora Quest K-8 School Aurora  
*Energenius: Clean Energy on the GO*

#### Lockheed Martin Aerospace Award

Nathaniel Ellis 11th grade  
 \$350, certificate  
 Durango High School Durango  
*MOON-OPOLY II: Employing Additive Manufacturing Technology for Lunar Construction with Waterless Concrete*

### Morrow Family

#### Dental & Forensics Award

Elise Brodsky 12th grade  
 Nederland Middle-Senior High School Nederland  
*The Effects of Perpetrator Race and Gender on the Reliability of Eyewitness Accounts*

#### Dental & Forensics Award

River Wilson 6th grade  
 Lamar Middle School Lamar  
*The Magnificent Mastication Mechanism*

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### *Dental & Forensics Award*

Terra McClure 7th grade  
Rocky Ford Jr/Sr High School Rocky Ford  
*Oh Snap!*

### **National Centers for Environmental Information**

#### *NCEI Award of Scientific Achievement*

Alora Dible 8th grade  
cash award provided by an anonymous donor, certificate  
Liberty School Joes

*Dust in the Wind: A Wind Erosion Analysis*

### **National Geographic Society**

#### *That's Geography! Cultivating Empathy for the Earth Award*

Minna Most 12th grade  
Teddy Blum 12th grade  
\$100 (response required from winner to process), certificate  
Monarch High School Louisville

*Environmental Changes and the Effects of the SAM on Cocolithophores in the Southern Ocean*

### **Platte River Power Authority**

#### *PRPA's Special Award for Energy Efficiency & Innovation*

Vikram Raju 8th grade  
\$200, certificate  
Aurora Quest K-8 School Aurora

*Energenius: Clean Energy on the GO*

#### *PRPA's Special Award for Energy Efficiency & Innovation*

Alex Mwangi Wachira 10th grade  
\$300, certificate  
Central High School Pueblo  
*Self-Powered Electric Cars*

#### *PRPA's Special Award for Environmental Responsibility*

Helen Wan 8th grade  
\$200, certificate  
Challenger Middle School Colorado Springs  
*Measuring the Particulate Matter in Air Quality with Raspberry Pi*

#### *PRPA's Special Award for Environmental Responsibility*

Keegan Gomez 12th grade  
\$300, certificate  
Centaurus High School Lafayette  
*Micro-renewable Energy*

### **Regeneron**

#### *Regeneron Biomedical Science Award*

Margaret Arthur 11th grade  
certificate, \$375 (response required from winner to process payment)  
Fairview High School Boulder  
*A Novel Phosphosite Localization Approach using Tandem Phosphoprotein Mass Spectra and Temporal Dilated Networks*

### **Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists**

#### *Excellence in Earth Sciences Award*

Sylvia Daugherty 8th grade  
\$200, certificate  
Sargent Junior High School Monte Vista  
*Fuels of the Future*

#### *Excellence in Earth Sciences Award*

Keegan Gomez 12th grade  
\$200, certificate  
Centaurus High School Lafayette  
*Micro-renewable Energy*

#### *Excellence in Earth Sciences Award*

Siena Parr 10th grade  
Samantha Abate 10th grade  
\$200, certificate  
Dolores High School Dolores  
*Radon in Rural Colorado: The Not So Noble Gas*

#### *Excellence in Earth Sciences Award*

Wilson Moyer 12th grade  
\$400, certificate  
Lakewood High School Lakewood  
*Applying Machine Learning to Forecast Solar Production and Reduce Reliance on Fossil Fuels*

### **Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association**

#### *Water Research Award*

Ren Richards 7th grade  
\$50, certificate  
Hi-Plains School Seibert  
*Ice, Ice, Baby*

#### *Water Research Award*

Cassius Middlemist 7th grade  
Carson Stone 7th grade  
\$75, certificate  
Brush Middle School Brush  
*Retain the Rain*

#### *Water Research Award*

Autumn Schulz 9th grade  
\$75, certificate  
Ignacio High School Ignacio  
*Presence of PFA's in Colorado Water*

### **Science Toy Magic, LLC**

#### *Chemistry CO2 & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Award*

Vikram Raju 8th grade  
\$50, certificate  
Aurora Quest K-8 School Aurora  
*Energenius: Clean Energy on the GO*

#### *Chemistry CO2 & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Award*

Sylvia Daugherty 8th grade  
\$100, certificate  
Sargent Junior High School Monte Vista  
*Fuels of the Future*

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### Chemistry CO<sub>2</sub> & Greenhouse Gas Reduction

#### Award

**Wilson Moyer** 12th grade

\$50, certificate

**Lakewood High School** Lakewood

***Applying Machine Learning to Forecast Solar Production and Reduce Reliance on Fossil Fuels***

### *Chemistry CO<sub>2</sub> & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Award*

Amrita Saini 11th grade

\$100, certificate

Peak to Peak Charter School Lafayette

*Investigating Natural Hydrogels to Sustain Bioluminescent Algae for Sustainable Lighting and CO<sub>2</sub> Removal*

### *Physics Classroom Demonstration Award*

Evelyn Lapp 6th grade

\$50, certificate

Brush Middle School Brush

*The Force Is Strong with This One*

### *Physics Classroom Demonstration Award*

Kane Schrock 6th grade

\$100, certificate

Arickaree School Anton

*Wind Tunnel Tests of Airfoil Performance*

### *Physics Classroom Demonstration Award*

Natalie Muro 9th grade

\$50, certificate

Palmer High School Colorado Springs

*Buoy Wave Energy Converters Capture of Ocean Wave Energy*

### *Physics Classroom Demonstration Award*

Parker Stone 12th grade

Bailey Link 12th grade

\$100, certificate

Brush High School Brush

*Performance of Pyramidal Airfoils in an Oscillating Wind Chamber*

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Sylvia Daugherty 8th grade

\$50, certificate

Sargent Junior High School Monte Vista

*Fuels of the Future*

### *Physics CO<sub>2</sub> & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Award*

**Aanshi Shah** 8th grade

**\$100, certificate**

**Thunder Vista P-8 School** Broomfield

***Make Some Noise! An Innovative Method to Produce***

***Electricity Using Sound***

### *Physics CO<sub>2</sub> & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Award*

Natalie Muro 9th grade

\$50, certificate

Palmer High School Colorado Springs

*Buoy Wave Energy Converters Capture of Ocean Wave Energy*

### *Physics CO<sub>2</sub> & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Award*

Keegan Gomez 12th grade

\$100, certificate

Centaurus High School Lafayette

*Micro-renewable Energy*

### *Plant Sciences CO<sub>2</sub> & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Award*

Pason Dible 6th grade

\$50, certificate

Liberty School Joes

*The Effect of Organic Fertilizer on Corn*

### *Plant Sciences CO<sub>2</sub> & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Award*

Teagan Bruchez 8th grade

\$100, certificate

West Grand Middle School Kremmling

*Grass Matters!*

### *Plant Sciences CO<sub>2</sub> & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Award*

Hannah Shelton 10th grade

\$50, certificate

Centauri High School La Jara

*Warning! High Fire Danger! Observing the Relationship between the Fuel Moisture Levels of Pinyon Pine and Sagebrush to Observed Precipitation Levels*

### *Plant Sciences CO<sub>2</sub> & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Award*

Carlos Ochoa-Marquez 12th grade

\$100, certificate

Monte Vista High School Monte Vista

*The Effect of Heavy Metal Toxicity on Solanum tuberosum, Cucurbita pepo, Medicago sativa, and Capsicum annuum Plants Inoculated with Mycorrhizae*

### **Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration, Colorado Section**

#### **Award for Excellence in Mineral Science & Engineering**

**Toshiro Nagafuji** 8th grade

**\$200, plaque**

**The Logan School** Denver

***Alternatives to Sand in Concrete***

#### *Award for Excellence in Mineral Science & Engineering*

Kaycee Clark 7th grade

\$300, plaque

Wray Jr/Sr High School Wray

*Putting Down Roots: The Study of How Poaceae Roots Affect Water Erosion*

#### *Award for Excellence in Mineral Science & Engineering*

Siena Parr 10th grade

Samantha Abate 10th grade

\$300, plaque

Dolores High School Dolores

*Radon in Rural Colorado: The Not So Noble Gas*



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### *Award for Excellence in Mineral Science & Engineering*

Carlos Ochoa-Marquez 12th grade  
\$500, plaque  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*The Effect of Heavy Metal Toxicity on Solanum tuberosum, Cucurbita pepo, Medicago sativa, and Capsicum annuum Plants Inoculated with Mycorrhizae*

### **Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Colorado Chapter 354**

#### *Andy Keller Memorial Award*

Charlie Danko 8th grade  
\$200, certificate, recognition by the local chapter  
Flagstaff Academy Longmont  
*An Affordable Robot for Dangerous Factories*

#### *Andy Keller Memorial Award*

Wilson Moyer 12th grade  
\$100, certificate, recognition by the local chapter  
Lakewood High School Lakewood  
*Applying Machine Learning to Forecast Solar Production and Reduce Reliance on Fossil Fuels*

#### *Andy Keller Memorial Award*

Alexander Zhang 10th grade  
Stella Laird 10th grade  
\$150, certificate, recognition by the local chapter  
Fairview High School Boulder  
*Reprint: Closed-Loop Materials Flow in Additive Manufacturing*

### **Society of Women Engineers, Rocky Mountain Section**

#### *SWE Award*

Kaycee Clark 7th grade  
\$75, certificate  
Wray Jr/Sr High School Wray  
*Putting Down Roots: The Study of How Poaceae Roots Affect Water Erosion*

#### *SWE Award*

Aanshi Shah 8th grade  
\$100, certificate  
Thunder Vista P-8 School Broomfield  
*Make Some Noise! An Innovative Method to Produce Electricity Using Sound*

#### *SWE Award*

Natalie Muro 9th grade  
\$75, certificate  
Palmer High School Colorado Springs  
*Buoy Wave Energy Converters Capture of Ocean Wave Energy*

#### *SWE Award*

Ella Seevers 12th grade  
Cole Gropp 12th grade  
\$100, certificate  
Conifer High School Conifer  
*Energy Efficient Cooling of Buildings in the Mountains*

### **Soil & Water Conservation Society, Colorado Chapter**

#### *Natural Resources Conservation Award*

Kaycee Clark 7th grade  
\$100, certificate  
Wray Jr/Sr High School Wray  
*Putting Down Roots: The Study of How Poaceae Roots Affect Water Erosion*

#### *Natural Resources Conservation Award*

Landon Hartman 12th grade  
same award  
Evergreen High School Evergreen  
*Economic Impacts of Wolf Populations on Livestock Ranching and Big Game Hunting in the Northern Rockies*

### **State of Colorado - Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety**

#### *DRMS Outstanding Science Exhibit Award*

Juakin Sawatzky 8th grade  
\$75, certificate, gift bag  
Liberty School Joes  
*Analysis of Mine Tailing Run-Off for Mine Tailings*

#### *DRMS Outstanding Science Exhibit Award*

Carlos Ochoa-Marquez 12th grade  
\$75, certificate, gift bag  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*The Effect of Heavy Metal Toxicity on Solanum tuberosum, Cucurbita pepo, Medicago sativa, and Capsicum annuum Plants Inoculated with Mycorrhizae*

### **STEMGirls, LLC**

#### *STEMGirls Middle School Rising Star Award*

Emma Beeby 8th grade  
\$100, certificate  
Skinner Middle School Denver  
*The Effect of Stress on the Amount of Carbon Dioxide Exhaled*

### **The Biophysical Society**

#### *The Biophysical Society Award*

Kylie Berg 11th grade  
cash award, certificate  
Fairview High School Boulder  
*Effect of Ionic Zinc Availability on the Replication of Human Mammary Epithelial Carcinoma Cells*

### **The Sara Volz Family**

#### *Best Contribution to Fundamental Science Award*

Margaret Arthur 11th grade  
\$300, certificate  
Fairview High School Boulder  
*A Novel Phosphosite Localization Approach using Tandem Phosphoprotein Mass Spectra and Temporal Dilated Networks*

#### *Best Contribution to Fundamental Science Award*

Abigail Ross 12th grade  
\$300, certificate  
Lamar High School Lamar  
*Detecting Flares (Part 5)*

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## Trout Unlimited

### TU River Conservation Award

Brandon Stup 12th grade  
\$75, certificate

Evergreen High School Evergreen

*Mimicking Invasive Crayfish Feeding Behavior with the Northern Crayfish*

### TU River Conservation Award

Lilly Figueroa 12th grade  
\$125, certificate

Mancos High School Mancos

*Environmental DNA Testing of Rural Aquatic Ecosystems for the Presence of Fish as Bioindicators*

### TU River Conservation Award

Kaycee Clark 7th grade  
\$200, certificate

Wray Jr/Sr High School Wray

*Putting Down Roots: The Study of How Poaceae Roots Affect Water Erosion*

## Wilkins Family

### Young Entrepreneur's Award

Ella Seevers 12th grade

Cole Gropp 12th grade

\$750, certificate

Conifer High School Conifer

*Energy Efficient Cooling of Buildings in the Mountains*

## Wojtaszek Family

### Paul Wojtaszek Memorial Award

Aditi Avinash 11th grade

\$200, certificate

Rock Canyon High School Littleton

*Model Validation and Preclinical Testing of Digestive*

*Enzymes for Gluten Breakdown*

## Zonta Club

### Amelia Earhart Award

Kate Guengerich 7th grade  
\$100, certificate

Peak to Peak Charter School Lafayette

*Infill Percentage and Strength to Weight Ratio of 3D Printed Parts*

## Scholarships

### Colorado School of Mines

#### Colorado School of Mines CSEF Scholarship

Aditi Avinash 11th grade

\$1,000 Mines scholarship, renewable for up to 3 additional years for use towards an undergraduate degree at CSM

Rock Canyon High School Littleton

*Model Validation and Preclinical Testing of Digestive*

*Enzymes for Gluten Breakdown*

#### Colorado School of Mines CSEF Scholarship

Augustus Miller 11th grade

\$1,000 Mines scholarship, renewable for up to 3 additional years for use towards an undergraduate degree at CSM

Monte Vista High School Monte Vista

*Synthesizing Cellulose Acetate and Paper-Based Plastic from Cellulose Derivatives to Produce a Biodegradable 3D Printable Filament*

#### Colorado School of Mines CSEF Scholarship

Jacob Ho 11th grade

\$1,000 Mines scholarship, renewable for up to 3 additional years for use towards an undergraduate degree at CSM

Fairview High School Boulder

*How Abnormally Dry and Windy Were Days with Fires in Colorado's Front Range from 1984-2021? Towards Identifying Fire-Predictors for a Machine Learning Modeling System*

#### Colorado School of Mines CSEF Scholarship

Jessie Hsu 11th grade

\$1,000 Mines scholarship, renewable for up to 3 additional years for use towards an undergraduate degree at CSM

Fairview High School Boulder

*Predicting Patient Disability in MS from MRI Brain Abnormalities Using Machine Learning*

#### Colorado School of Mines CSEF Scholarship

Nathaniel Ellis 11th grade

\$1,000 Mines scholarship, renewable for up to 3 additional years for use towards an undergraduate degree at CSM

Durango High School Durango

*MOON-OPOLY II: Employing Additive Manufacturing Technology for Lunar Construction with Waterless Concrete*

#### Colorado School of Mines CSEF Scholarship

Amrita Saini 11th grade

\$1,000 Mines scholarship, renewable for up to 3 additional years for use towards an undergraduate degree at CSM

Peak to Peak Charter School Lafayette

*Investigating Natural Hydrogels to Sustain Bioluminescent Algae for Sustainable Lighting and CO2 Removal*

#### Colorado School of Mines CSEF Scholarship

Margaret Arthur 11th grade

\$1,000 Mines scholarship, renewable for up to 3 additional years for use towards an undergraduate degree at CSM

Fairview High School Boulder

*A Novel Phosphosite Localization Approach using Tandem Phosphoprotein Mass Spectra and Temporal Dilated Networks*

#### Colorado School of Mines CSEF Scholarship

Daniel Saeb 11th grade

\$1,000 Mines scholarship, renewable for up to 3 additional years for use towards an undergraduate degree at CSM

Boulder High School Boulder

*Investigating How Hydrogel Connectivity Influence Their Mechanical Properties*

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## Colorado State University, College of Agricultural Sciences

*Excellence in Agricultural Innovation Scholarship*  
Luci Bruchez 10th grade  
Joseph Brobst 10th grade  
\$1,000 non-renewable scholarship to attend Colorado State University with a College of Agricultural Sciences major  
West Grand High School Kremmling  
*Pasture Plump*

## Colorado State University, Pueblo CSU Pueblo Scholarship

Amrita Saini 11th grade  
\$1,000 renewable scholarship to attend CSU Pueblo  
Peak to Peak Charter School Lafayette  
*Investigating Natural Hydrogels to Sustain Bioluminescent Algae for Sustainable Lighting and CO2 Removal*

## Society

### American Psychological Association

#### APA Achievement in Research in Psychological Science Award

Juliet Huckabay 6th grade  
certificate, 1-year affiliate student membership in the APA  
Skinner Middle School Denver  
*The Effect of Visual Stimulus on Heart Rate Across Different Age Groups*

#### APA Achievement in Research in Psychological Science Award

Elise Brodsky 12th grade  
same award  
Nederland Middle-Senior High Nederland  
School  
*The Effects of Perpatrator Race and Gender on the Reliability of Eyewitness Accounts*

## Association for Women Geoscientists

### AWG Excellence in the Geosciences Award

Juakin Sawatzky 8th grade  
certificate  
Liberty School Joes  
*Analysis of Mine Tailing Run-Off for Mine Tailings*

### AWG Excellence in the Geosciences Award

Siena Parr 10th grade  
Samantha Abate 10th grade  
same award  
Dolores High School Dolores  
*Radon in Rural Colorado: The Not So Noble Gas*

## NASA

### NASA Earth System Science Award

Zoe Wang 8th grade  
certificate  
Summit Middle Charter School Boulder  
*Recycling by Zapping: Recyclability and Efficiency of Recycling Different Polyesters*

### NASA Earth System Science Award

Minna Most 12th grade  
Teddy Blum 12th grade  
same award  
Monarch High School Louisville  
*Environmental Changes and the Effects of the SAM on Coccoolithophores in the Southern Ocean*

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### Taking the Pulse of the Planet Award

Ayush Vispute 8th grade  
certificate, invitation to a career exploration webinar in Summer 2023  
Mountain Ridge Middle School Colorado Springs  
*Investigating Alternate Treatments of Acid Rain*

## Ricoh

### Ricoh Sustainable Development Award

Theodore Chastang 8th grade  
certificate  
Summit Middle Charter School Boulder  
*Using Green Roofs to Absorb Floodwaters*

### Ricoh Sustainable Development Award

Toshiro Nagafuji 8th grade  
same award  
The Logan School Denver  
*Alternatives to Sand in Concrete*

## Society for In Vitro Biology

### Outstanding Achievement in In Vitro Biology Award

Joshua Ho 11th grade  
certificate, membership in the Society, recognition in Society's news letter and on website  
Fairview High School Boulder  
*The Effects of Dissolved Organic Matter (DOM) on Emiliania Huxleyi*

### Outstanding Achievement in In Vitro Biology Award

Valerie Goodland 11th grade  
same award  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*You're Fired: An Analysis of Fire on Soil Sterilization and Hydrophobicity*

## United States Agency for International Development

### USAID Science Champion Award

Grace Marmorstein 8th grade  
certificate  
Challenge School Denver  
*The Insect Repellent Properties of Nepetalactone*

### USAID Science Champion Award

Will Noble 10th grade  
same award  
Yuma High School Yuma  
*Turbine Efficiency in Small-Scale Hydropower*

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## United States Metric Association

### *Outstanding Achievement in the Use of the International System Award*

Jocelyn Kramer 6th grade  
certificate, membership in the US Metric Association  
Good Shepherd Catholic School Denver  
*The Exodus of Ca+: Does Container Material Affect  
Calcium Levels in Milk?*

### *Outstanding Achievement in the Use of the International System Award*

Ainsley Soleta 12th grade  
Luke Ferguson 12th grade  
certificate, membership in the US Metric Association  
Brush High School Brush  
*Tensile Strength of Nylon 6, 10*

## Water Environment Federation

### *Stockholm Junior Water Prize*

Tyler Wise 8th grade  
certificate  
Liberty School Joes  
*Does Crop Residue Affect Soil Water Retention*

### *Stockholm Junior Water Prize*

Liam Griffin 7th grade  
same award  
Sargent Junior High School Monte Vista  
*Running Low on Water: Formula for the Future*

### *Stockholm Junior Water Prize*

Juakin Sawatzky 8th grade  
same award  
Liberty School Joes  
*Analysis of Mine Tailing Run-Off for Mine Tailings*

## Yale Science & Engineering Association

### *Outstanding Achievement in Science & Engineering Award*

Augustus Miller 11th grade  
certificate, medallion (response required from winner to  
process)  
Monte Vista High School Monte Vista  
*Synthesizing Cellulose Acetate and Paper-Based Plastic  
from Cellulose Derivatives to Produce a Biodegradable 3D  
Printable Filament*

## Teacher

### Colorado Association of Science Teachers

#### *CAST Teacher Award*

Terri Paulson  
\$150, certificate, 1-year free CAST membership  
Sargent Jr/Sr High School Monte Vista

#### *CAST Teacher Award*

Amy Melby  
same award  
Yuma High School Yuma

## Colorado Science & Engineering Fair

### *Doug Steward Memorial Award*

Andrew Shelton  
\$75, certificate  
Centauri Middle School La Jara

### *Doug Steward Memorial Award*

Eric Halingstad  
\$75, certificate  
Conifer High School Conifer

### *Doug Steward Memorial Award*

Dave Hopcia  
\$75, certificate  
Dolores High School Dolores

## Lockheed Martin

### *CSEF Teacher of the Year Award*

Andrew Shelton  
\$3,000 grant to use for their school's science fair program,  
certificate  
Centauri Middle School La Jara