Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
May 20, 2021	A-4

Title

Recognition of 2020-21 Regional and State Science and Engineering Fair Winners

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of 2020-21 Regional and State Science and Engineering Fair Winners

Summary Explanation and Background

Cherokee County School District hosted school-level Science and Engineering Fairs. Eighteen elementary school-level winners participated in the 4th Annual Georgia College K-5 State Science Fair (GCSSF) held virtually on March 19, 2021. Sixteen of these projects received first, second, or third place honors at the GCSSF.

Fourteen middle school-level winners participated in the Northwest Georgia Regional Science and Engineering Fair (NW GA RSEF) on February 13, 2021, hosted virtually by Reinhardt University. Four of these projects received second or third place honors awards at the NW GA RSEF and nine total projects advanced to the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair (GSEF). Seven projects received first, second, third, or fourth place honors awards at GSEF, hosted virtually by the University of Georgia on April 15, 2021.

Students also received special awards and scholarships from Cobb Electric Membership Corporation, Gas South, and Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority along with awards from additional sponsoring organizations at GSEF.

Dr. Lawrence Gruszecki was awarded the Inspiring Excellence Teacher Award presented by GSEF.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Equity and Access

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

List of Science Fair Winners

Source of Additional Information

Dr. Brian V. Hightower	770.479.1871
Dr. Nicole H. Holmes	770.479.1871
Barbara Jacoby	770.479.1871

2020-2021 Georgia College State Science Fair (GCSSF) and Additional Awards

Student's Name	School	Category	Award(s)
Aubrey Burgess	Oak Grove ES Fine Arts Academy	Biomedical & Health Sciences	• GCSSF 3rd Place Honors • Cobb EMC
Nolan Cason	Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy	Animal Sciences	• GCSSF 1st Place Honors
Cherno Chan	Oak Grove ES Fine Arts Academy	Plant Sciences	• GCSSF 1st Place Honors
Ananya Das	Clark Creek ES STEM Academy	Plant Sciences	• GCSSF 1st Place Honors • Best of 1st Grade • Best of Biological & Environmental Sciences
Max Ha & Isabella Truong	Holly Springs ES STEM Academy	Plant Sciences	• GCSSF 2nd Place Honors
Hunter Hawkins	Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy	Biochemistry	• GCSSF 2nd Place Honors
Rishabh Pandya	Clark Creek ES STEM Academy	Engineering Mechanics	• GCSSF 1st Place Honors • Best of Show – Primary Division • Best of Physical & Computational Science • Cobb EMC
Hannah Parrish	Clark Creek ES STEM Academy	Engineering Mechanics	• GCSSF 2nd Place Honors
Annalise Richard	Oak Grove ES Fine Arts Academy	Chemistry	• GCSSF 2nd Place Honors
Zavier Reinhart	Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy	Animal Sciences	• GCSSF 1st Place Honors • Cobb EMC
Christopher Rodriguez-Sanchez	Oak Grove ES Fine Arts Academy	Chemistry	• GCSSF 2nd Place Honors
Hailey Sandifer	Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy	Chemistry	• GCSSF 2nd Place Honors
Evie Sickbert & Andrew Sickbert	Clark Creek ES STEM Academy	Behavioral & Social Sciences	• GCSSF 1st Place Honors
Lucas Vanderberg	Oak Grove ES Fine Arts Academy	Plant Sciences	• GCSSF 3rd Place Honors • Cobb EMC • CCWSA
Naomi White	Clark Creek ES STEM Academy	Earth & Environmental Studies	• GCSSF 1st Place Honors • Cobb EMC • CCWSA
Layla Wendell	Hasty ES Fine Arts Academy	Biomedical & Health Sciences	• GCSSF 3rd Place Honors

2020-2021 Georgia Science and Engineering Fair (GSEF) and Additional Awards

Student's Name	School	Category	Award(s)
Claire Bailey	E.T. Booth Middle School	Physics & Astronomy	• GSEF Fourth Honors – Junior Division • NW GA RSEF 3rd Place – Junior Division • Cobb EMC
Haylee Castens	E.T. Booth Middle School	Microbiology	• GSEF Grand Award – Junior Division – Microbiology • GSEF First Honors – Junior Division • Broadcom MASTERS Nomination • National Association of Biology Teachers Award – Junior Division • NW GA RSEF Honorable Mention • Cobb EMC
Kathryn (Kate) Dallas	E.T. Booth Middle School	Robotics & Intelligent Machines	• GSEF Third Honors – Junior Division • NW GA RSEF Honorable Mention • Cobb EMC
Aahana Karanji	E.T. Booth Middle School	Robotics & Intelligent Machines	• GSEF Second Honors – Junior Division • Broadcom MASTERS Nomination • Inspiring Excellence Award • Naval Science Award – Junior Division • NW GA RSEF 3rd Place – Junior Division • CCWSA • Cobb EMC
Abigale May	E.T. Booth Middle School	Physics & Astronomy	• GSEF Junior Division Outstanding 6th Grade Project • GSEF First Honors – Junior Division • NW GA RSEF 2nd Place – Junior Division • Cobb EMC
Asher McCollum	E.T. Booth Middle School	Physics & Astronomy	• GSEF Fourth Honors – Junior Division • UGA Physics & Astronomy Department Award – Junior Division • NW GA RSEF Honorable Mention • Cobb EMC
Adriel Ontibon	E.T. Booth Middle School	Plant Sciences	• GSEF Grand Award – Junior Division – Plant Science • GSEF First Honors – Junior Division • Broadcom MASTERS Nomination • NW GA RSEF 3rd Place – Junior Division • CCWSA • Cobb EMC