



# The OHIO ACADEMY of SCIENCE

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## **37 OHIO SCHOOLS AND 464 TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S THOMAS EDISON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION**

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Dublin, OH (August 31, 2020) . . . **The Ohio Academy of Science** today selected 37 Ohio schools and 464 teachers to receive **The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research** for their accomplishments during the 2019-2020 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) to conduct a local science fair with twelve or more students, (2) qualify two or more of these students for one of the Academy's 17 district science days, (3) have students participate in at least one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom such as State Science Day, Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair, Science Olympiad, B-Wiser, visits to museums, mentorship programs, and extended field trips and other structured STEM-related youth activities, (4) convince external STEM professionals how and to what extent the school's program met the Academy's definition of STEM education. 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."

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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.

**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 in Ohio. OAS members are as diverse as the science taking place in Ohio, and our programs support science from pre-college and college students through scientific professionals.

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	Darlene Helems-Alaniz Lynn Webb Madeleine Wheeler Colin Grindall Rebecca Butler Heather Hinkle Holly Henderson Matthew Simpson Liz Terrill Tara Davis Brian Turner Jeffery Welker David Pluck Cara Misitigh Marlise Ramsey Sharise Wriston Kristy Nelson Minnie Carter-Page Lon Cseplo MacKenze Wagner
	East Community Learning Center	Chadwick Groom Larissa Brown Michelle Hillier Braylin Taylor Orval Hawkins Jr. Mark Shannon Vera Rodgers Rebecca Bettio Margaret Busker-Postlethwait Crystal Dzuro Linda Olson Della Mae Cook Ray Wilkins Morgan Schumacher Sonal Chandra Joan Gipson Jerrit Ekama Tracy Braho Cynthia Begert
	Ellet CLC	Daniel Freeman Judith Sudomir Tammy Manno Connie Coon Ronald Boldry Ann Rose Dr. John Guidubaldi William Stone Ellen Sorm

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Akron	Ellet CLC	Katherine Givens Blake Beluscak Angela Demchak
	National Inventor's Hall of Fame MS	Rachandra Decatur Katie Beal Brent Beebe Ellen Beldean Karen Brandt Elizabeth Bugner Sam Crews Julie Demangeont Jennifer Fillmore Susan Hall Sherry Hankinson Brenda Leighton Christine Justiss Angica Weaver Chelsea Nicolino Perkins Pringle Jason Reitz Keri Rusinko Rachel Testa Donna Wojcik Lesley Trendell
	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM HS	Qing Liang Charles Burger Matthew York Kailey Kyser William Metcalf Jeffery Caranna Monique Binkley Qing Liang Alana Treen Zach Griffith Selena Myers Marvin Grandison Robbie Connelly Jun Chen Shane Dantz Sammy Al-Doory Alyssa Bridenthal Brody Rauschenberger Brian Bennett Maureen Popa Sam Appleby Mike Palumbo Ben Graber Tanner Hughes Katie Metcalf Nate Cohen Megan Houk

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Akron	Jennings CLC	Theresa Behrens David Blankenship Peyton Young Elaine Wulff Ashley Jones Kathleen Ekama Samika Thompson-Fryer Jennifer Cooper Steve Culp Joanne Bell Donna Demes Joanne Cook Constantine Farmakidis Heather Lecharia Elizabeth Poulos Kindra Beekman Arnita Skinner
	Litchfield MS	Bryan Bartlett Tiffany Lundy-Martin Rebecca Moga Charlene Panovich Stacey Myers Bobbi Gurley Morgan Greene Ph.D. Jefferson Whited Kristen Parker Aaron Merz Jeanette Nativio Darlene Frost Elizabeth Bocian Scot Elkins Sandra Cline
	Miller South VPA	David Oravec Vanessa Roberts Laura Valenza Megan Houk Tina Lattimer Kate Krosse Laura Feltman Ruth Roope Doug Bayda Connie Duff Marissa Hughes.
	St Sebastian	Tracey Visco Mary Heffern Debra Landis Robert Dedinsky Christina Friedl Jennifer Bradley Al Rose Kristin Dekatch

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Akron	St Sebastian	Michelle Antochow Megan Ritchie Jennifer Smee Betty Indriolo Molly Karg Olivia Wilde Carolyn Schmidlin Margaret Myers Jennifer Slegus Scott Mason Anne Riede Sue Vernon Autumn Gaskins
Anna Avon	Anna HS Holy Trinity	Vicki Quinter Nancy Wild Jackie Powidel Matthew Hess Sara Martin Tera Cowdin Meghan Namestnik Jennifer Hess Sandy Gorenc Laura Waltos Jean Spinazze
Bay Village	St Raphael	Amy Hoffmeister Lyndsay Moro Carla Licastro Andrea Ruda Michelle Wise
Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	Kayla Bruggeman Emily Cline Kim Lord Allyson Geis Jennifer St. Pierre Crystal Current Debi Schwieterman Shelby Sigman Allison Bisignani Lynzee Allen Lisa Bakita
Brunswick	St Ambrose	Amy Morgan Erin Trigg Teresa Whitmer Wendy Parente Allison Noga Christopher Mullen Susan Kautzman Kelly Thompson Joyce McCarthy-Reed Julia Kinley Stacey Gove

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Brunswick	St Ambrose	Laurie Hamzik Sheri Niedermyer
Chesterland	West Geauga HS	Stephanie Meyer Alan Duncan Kristin Gregory Aly Ledman Mike Taurasi Mike Sustin
Chillicothe	Unioto ES Bishop Flaget	Jenni Domo Carrie Hill Natalie Byrd Breanna Wachovec Christy Fay Hannah Spaeth Chelsea Irvin Danielle McDaniel Terrina Fahnestock Courtney Maxwell Julie Beatty Dianne Cryder Chrissy Kessler Tina Haller Mindy Martin Laura Corcoran
Cincinnati	Anderson HS  Turpin HS	Taylor Rose Troy Spitzmueller Courtney Snider Holly Lowden Patrick Rehl Corey Larrison Jeff Rodriguez Caitlin Hickman Carmen Venditto Lindsay Burton Erin Berling Beth Brill Corey Mullins James Glaser
Dayton	Carroll HS  Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Mike Lakin Katie Baker Laura Wright Todd Tayloe Chrissy O'Malley Mary Ollier Meghan Mulligan Laurie Fuhr Diane Keller Kimberly Krekeler Joanna Freshwater Emily King Rachel Farran

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Dayton	Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Annette Dickerson Jill Klimaski Victoria Haynes Melissa Thomas Beth Allaire Kimberly Sprowles Judy White Chris Kemper Norbert Reynolds Jennifer Schwertman Sarah Brashears
Highland Heights	St Paschal Baylon	Michelle Kitko Sheila Klepcyk Iryna Kulick Anna Peko Paul Martin Stephanie Leffler Vera Marti Kristian Martinson Susan Babin Holly Herald Moiria Popelka Denise Meeks Kristen Polantz-Miller Elizabeth Uzzo Vanessa Braun Diane Raguz Evamarie Mickol Carrie Hanus Michele Longano Mary Curtis
Kettering	Archbishop Alter HS	Michael Thuente Michelle Denney Randy Reeder Chris Untener Michelle Popp Jaclyn Helt Jennifer Butler Kat Hoffman Jim Zimmerman Jack Andersen
Liberty Twp	Mother Teresa Catholic	Nikki Stewart Amanda Ocariz Lauren Austin Karen Geiger
Medina	St Francis Xavier	Alisha Zakri Stephanie Novicky Amanda Plute-Schlitter Kelly Carlin Jane Unsdorfer Pam Bugner



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Medina	St Francis Xavier	Jill Hudak Nathan Stewart Mary McAllister Kaitlyn Sharp Ryan Jakubczak Patty Cathcart Laura Chomanics Kathy Jo Fronk Kelly Harmon Sarah Alfano Cindy Gerity Amy Evrard Christina Bresnahan Christa Borling Stephanie Baker
Miamisburg	Dayton Christian School	Tom Minor Beth Ann Whitney Bill Norvell
N Royalton	St Albert The Great	Caroline Halle Gina Bizyak Christina Budas Kelly Beskid Amanda Blake Kathy Beskid Debbie Schermaier Sandy Lepi Barb Barbo Jessica Finn Andrea Moore Carri Metcalfe Michelle O'Malley Bradford Dorland Jennifer Rolinc Theresa Basch Ann Graber Jeff Stanowick Cheryl Anderle Allison Vega Jodi Meinberg
Ottawa Hills	Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior HS	Tim Adkins Mary Kate Hafemann Dan Feuerstein Liz Puskala Patty Dowd Diane Drabek Michael Leeds Gerry Davis Kristin Johnson Hannah Lehmann Brooks Spiess Joan Keckler

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Ottawa Hills	Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior HS	Paul Genzman Nicole Silvers Jeremy Nixon Tony Torio
Parma Hts	Incarnate Word Academy	Claire Kovacs Kara O'Rourke Cynthia Rossman Megan Klufas Karen Micheli Elizabeth Grusenmeyer Mary Beth Schram
Sidney	Lehman Catholic HS	Pam Wendel Kevin Cameron Denny Maas Sr. Ginny Scherer Tony Wagner Leah Bertke Melissa Safreed Tracy Hall
	Holy Angels	Tony Wagner Carrie O'Leary Gwen Stiver
St Clairsville	East Richland Christian School	Jessica Crumm Jane Powell Jennifer Gooch Juanita Roxby Kama Martin Brian Yourko Aaron Mostia Kari Yockey Travis McKinley
Steubenville	Bishop John King Mussio Central JS	Julie Gonzalez Sandy Morelli Meagan Pirro
Sunbury	Big Walnut Intermediate	Megan Massingill Rina Hoge Bob Keep Mike Stone Casey Wright Jennilyn Haer Stacey Hamilton Wendy Austin Karen Bodker Amy Eikenberry Kaylee Holliday
Tipp City	Tippecanoe MS	Curt Earl Molly Sanders Cassie Schoch Brad Koopman Abbi Hohenstein Karl Stanbery

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Tipp City	Tippecanoe MS	Dale Bonifas
Westerville	Oakstone Academy	ALL STAFF
Wooster	St Mary Immaculate Conception	James Clark Darryl Woods Carla Veil Deb Haldiman