



## *Flint Regional Science Fair*

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#### **Curiosity at its Best...**

“What an interesting idea”, “This is outstanding”, “What a novel solution to this problem”! These and many other adjectives were heard at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Flint Regional Science Fair at Kettering University March 18-21. 307 students brought their projects to share their ideas and what they learned with judges, other students and visitors to the fair.

FRSF serves students in grades 4-12 from Bay, Genesee, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Shiawassee, St Clair and Tuscola counties and high school students from communities not served by a recognized regional science fair.

78 Finalists were rewarded for their efforts with scholarships, gift cards, cash prizes, trips and certificates totaling over \$28,000 in value. Five senior division students won all-expense paid trips to attend the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair in Phoenix in May. 19 Junior Division Finalists were nominated for the Broadcom MASTERS competition that is held in Washington, DC in the fall. Each Finalist was interviewed by multiple judges or teams of judges to determine final ranking and winners.

A total of 139 Special Awards were presented to 73 students, including 23 non-finalists, who were selected by Special Award judges using the criteria of their award sponsor. Special Awards include certificates, prizes, scholarships, and trips. 34 different organizations, professional societies, individuals and agencies sponsored special awards.

Tuition Scholarships were awarded by three local schools, payable if the student attends the sponsoring college: Kettering University awarded a \$3000/ year for four years scholarship to Christopher Barnes of Bay City, U Michigan Flint awarded a \$4000/ year for four years scholarship to Kacher Velam of West Branch, and Baker College awarded a full tuition grant to Clara Wagner of Saginaw.

“It is very reassuring to talk with students and judge science fair projects—these kids are bright, inquisitive, and creative and are developing real aptitude for science”, said John Wambaugh, who has been Director of the Flint Regional Science Fair for 20 years. “In these challenging times it is reassuring to see what our youth, who will be the leaders of tomorrow, are doing.”

“Everyone is a winner” Wambaugh likes to say, and FRSF recognizes all students who participate. Students not selected as finalists are each interviewed by one judge to get encouragement and to help them learn how to do better science next time. All participants receive a goodie bag of prizes and a ribbon.

The Flint Regional Science Fair Board wishes to thank the many wonderful Fair sponsors-- individuals and organizations, for their outstanding commitment to the community, to youth and to the importance of science and technology. With increasing participation by students there is need for additional sponsors and financial support.

The Board also wishes to thank our many contributors for their generous support, and the more than 60 judges who gave their time and talents to meet with students one-on-one to review projects and provide encouragement. "The efforts of many dedicated volunteers makes this Fair one of the best in the nation", said Wambaugh.

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