



71ST ANNUAL **NORTHEAST INDIANA REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR**
ELEMENTARY JUNIOR DIVISION AWARD CEREMONY

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 1:15 PM

LA 159

SPECIAL AWARDS: LOCAL

Presented by Lindee Mason, Life Science Resource Center, Purdue Fort Wayne

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

\$150 and invitation to annual dinner meeting

Evelyn Sweigert

St Charles Borromeo

Zaina Nasir

Indiana Academy for Science, Math, & Humanities

AQUA INDIANA

Environmental Stewardship Award, sponsored by Aqua Indiana

trophy and \$100 gift card

Laasya Katam

Eel River Elementary

FORT WAYNE CHILDREN'S ZOO

certificate, family 4 pack pass

Laasya Katam

Eel River Elementary

Cassie Ulrey

Heritage Hall, Inc.

FOX ISLAND ALLIANCE

membership, certificate

1st Place

Laasya Katam

Eel River Elementary

2nd Place

Reis Mastin

Eastern Elementary

IEEE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS

Second Best Project

\$50

Bailey Haraszti

Burriss Laboratory School

Riley Rodenbeck

Oak View Elementary School

Best Project

\$75

Anna Wegmet

Canterbury

SCIENCE AND REGULATORY CONSULTANTS

Best Study Design, K-3 \$30

Jocey Bloomfield Aboite Elementary

Best Study Design, Senior \$50

Aiden Gillam Eastern Elementary

SPECIAL AWARDS: PRESENTED

FORT WAYNE CITY UTILITIES

Water Resources Award engraved plaque

Laasya Katam Eel River Elementary

Allison So Oak View Elementary

Jarrett Hovis Hickory Center Elementary

Cybersecurity Award

Riley Rodenbeck Oak View Elementary

NORTHEAST INDIANA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION \$100

Tyson McCullough Albany Elementary

Reis Masten Eastern Elementary

Elaina Stull Eastside Elementary

Gabriel Davis Eel River Elementary

N. MAXINE AND DAVID W. FORD STEM AWARD

Presenter: CMDR Alan R. Ford, US Navy, ret.

Periodic Table

Lucy Fingerle Churubusco Elementary

Caroline Yates Haverhill Elementary

Mary Kate Sordelet NE Region Homeschools

Periodic Table & \$100

Anika Dutt Oak View Elementary

Margaret GiaQuinta John S Erwin Elementary

Jarrett Hovis Hickory Center Elementary

REGIONAL PLACEMENT AWARDS

- K-3 Runner up receives \$25 and NEIRSEF Cup
 K-3 1st place receives Friedel Director Award (\$100 cash)

KINDERGARTEN

<i>Runner up</i>	Lucy Fingerle	Churubusco Elementary
<i>1st place</i>	Taylor Pepple	Churubusco Elementary

FIRST GRADE

<i>Runner up</i>	Christopher Lambert	Lafayette Meadows Elementary
<i>1st place</i>	Jocey Bloomfield	Aboite Elementary

SECOND GRADE

<i>Runner up</i>	Bailey Haraszti	Burriss Laboratory School
<i>1st place</i>	Sophie Carr	Churubusco Elementary

THIRD GRADE

<i>Runner up</i>	Daniel Lambert	Aboite Elementary
<i>1st place</i>	Laasya Katam	Eel River Elementary

JUNIOR DIVISION - FOURTH GRADE*Third Place (\$25)*

Henry Reed	Eastern Elementary
Hannah Mooney	Hibberd Intermediate
Reed Coughlin	Hickory Center Elementary

Second Place (\$50)

Sloka Inukolla	Perry Hill Elementary
Anika Dutt	Oak View Elementary
Jay Morales	Eel River Elementary

First Place & Friedel Director Award (\$100 cash)

David Kleber	St Charles Borromeo
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JUNIOR DIVISION – FIFTH GRADE

Third Place (\$25)

Gladys Emrick

Weisser Park Elementary

Reis Maslin

Eastern Elementary

Riley Rodenbeck

Oak View Elementary

Second Place (\$50)

Jarrett Hovis

Hickory Center Elementary

Zoey Krider

Churubusco Elementary

Sadie Weeks

Eastern Elementary

First Place & Friedel Director Award (\$100 cash)

Aiden Gillam

Eastern Elementary

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE HOOSIER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

JUNIOR DIVISION

Sloka Inukollu

Perry Hill Elementary

David Kleber

St Charles Borromeo

Jarrett Hovis

Hickory Center Elementary

Sadie Weeks

Eastern Elementary

71ST ANNUAL **NORTHEAST INDIANA REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR**
JUNIOR & SENIOR DIVISION AWARD CEREMONY

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 5:00 PM

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Laasya Katam

Eel River Elementary

Elin Edwards

Woodside Middle

Zaina Nasir

Indiana Academy for Science, Math, & Humanities

FORT WAYNE CHILDREN'S ZOO

certificate, family 4 pack pass

Laasya Katam

Eel River Elementary

Cassie Ulrey

Heritage Hall, Inc.

FORT WAYNE CITY UTILITIES WATER RESOURCES AWARD

engraved plaque

Elin Edwards

Woodside Middle

FOX ISLAND ALLIANCE

membership, certificate, & cash

Elin Edwards

Woodside Middle

IEEE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS

Second Best Project, Junior or Senior Division

\$50

Ashlyn Schafer

Carroll Middle

Best Project, Junior or Senior Division

\$75

Gauravi Meruva

Woodside Middle

NORTHEAST INDIANA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION \$100

Amelia Magga

Delta Middle

PURDUE FORT WAYNE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Outstanding Behavior Research Award certificate
 Tatum Moss Summit Middle

SCIENCE AND REGULATORY CONSULTANTS

Best Study Design, Junior \$75
 Olivia Fox Canterbury School
Best Study Design, Senior \$100
 Zaina Nasir Indiana Academy for Science, Math, & Humanities

CITADEL SECURITIES INNOVATION PRIZE \$100

Gauravi Meruva Woodside Middle
 Frank Yang Cai Homestead High School

SPECIAL AWARDS: INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

Presented by Dr. Troy Tonner, First-Year Engineering, Purdue Fort Wayne

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION certificate and membership
 Aurora Nicholes Hibberd Intermediate School

ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN GEOSCIENCES certificate
 Zaini Nasir Indiana Academy for Science, Math, & Humanities

NASA EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCE AWARD certificate
 Mikhail Nosov Burriss Laboratory School

WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION/STOCKHOLM JUNIOR WATER PRIZE certificate
 Zaina Nasir Indiana Academy of Science, Math, & Humanities

THERMO FISHER YOUNG INNOVATORS CHALLENGE AWARD

Olivia Fox Canterbury School
 Zoya Nur Woodside Middle
 Aurora Nicholes Hibberd Intermediate School
 Ashlyn Schafer Carroll Middle
 Elin Edwards Woodside Middle
 Eeshaani Verma Hibberd Intermediate School

RICOH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Arha Kureti	Carroll High School
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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION – TAKING THE PULSE OF THE PLANET AWARD

Arha Kureti	Carroll High School
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REGENERON

Achyut Ethiraj & Aditi Ethiraj	Carroll High School
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US METRIC ASSOCIATION certificate and membership

Achyut Ethiraj & Aditi Ethiraj	Carroll High School
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YALE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION certificate and medallion

Achyut Ethiraj & Aditi Ethiraj	Carroll High School
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SPECIAL AWARDS: PRESENTED

HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY certificate and \$50

Presenter: Dr. Ruth Nalliah, Huntington University, chair, Department of Chemistry

Physical Sciences

Zaini Nasir	Indiana Academy for Science, Math, & Humanities
Arha Kureti	Carroll High School

Health Sciences

Achyut Ethiraj & Aditi Ethiraj	Carroll High School
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Mathematical and Computer Sciences

Ishan Ramrakhiani	Canterbury School
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ANAB EXCELLENCE IN MEASUREMENT & DATA QUALITY

Presenter: Jason Stine, ANAB

Third Place - \$50

Elva Gu	Indiana Academy for Science, Math, & Humanities
Elin Edwards	Woodside Middle

Second Place - \$100

Shriyan Srinivasan	Creekside Middle
Arha Kureti	Carroll High School

First Place - \$150

Cassie Ulrey	Heritage Hall Christian School
Achyut Ethiraj & Aditi Ethiraj	Carroll High School

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC

Presenter: Ben Castens, Franklin Electric

Best Use of the Scientific Process *certificates, medals, \$50, \$75, or \$125*

Elin Edwards	Woodside Middle
Ashlyn Schafer	Carroll Middle
Shriyan Srinivasan	Creekside Middle

Best/Most Convincing Argument *certificates, medals, \$50, \$75, or \$125*

Aurora Nicholes	Hibberd Intermediate School
Zoya Nur	Woodside Middle
Aarav Pandey & Arjun Vegesana	Woodside Middle

U.S. AIR FORCE

Zain Nasir	Yorktown High School
Arha Kureti	Carroll High School
Elva Gu	Indiana Academy of Science, Math, & Humanities
Sophie Ball	St Mary School

U.S. NAVY AND MARINE CORPS AWARDS

Junior

Ashlyn Schafer	Carroll Middle
William Beane	St Mary School

Senior

Frank Cai	Homestead High School
Mikhail Nosov	Burris Laboratory School

N MAXINE AND DAVID W. FORD STEM AWARD

Presenter: CMDR Alan R. Ford, US Navy, ret.

Juliet Underwood

St Charles Borromeo

Yazan Alnatsheh

Carroll Middle

REGIONAL PLACEMENT AWARDS

JUNIOR DIVISION - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Third Place

Ashlyn Schafer

Carroll Middle

Elin Edwards

Woodside Middle

Eeshaani Verma

Hibberd Intermediate

Second Place

Aurora Nicholes

Hibberd Intermediate

Zoya Nur

Woodside Middle

First Place

Olivia Fox

Canterbury School

SENIOR DIVISION

Third Place

Zaina Nasir

Indiana Academy for Science, Math, & Humanities

Frank Yang Cai

Homestead High School

Elva Gu

Indiana Academy for Science, Math, & Humanities

Second Place

Zain Nasir

Yorktown High School

Achyut Ethiraj & Aditi Ethiraj

Carroll High School

First Place

Arha Kureti

Carroll High School

OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARD

Junior Division

Olivia Fox

Canterbury School

Senior Division

Arha Kureti

Carroll High School

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE **HOOSIER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR**

JUNIOR DIVISION

Yazan Alnatsheh	Carroll Middle School
Elin Edwards	Woodside Middle School
Olivia Fox	Canterbury School
Paisley McCullogh	Delta Middle School
Kniya Middleton	Summit Middle School
Tatum Moss	Summit Middle School
Aurora Nicholes	Hibberd Intermediate School
Zoya Nur	Woodside Middle School
Aarav Pandey & Arjun Vegesana	Woodside Middle School
Ashlyn Schafer	Carroll Middle School
Evelyn Sweigert	St Charles Borromeo School
Cassie Ulrey	Heritage Hall, Inc.
Juliet Underwood	St Charles Borromeo School
Bailey Van Hoover	Franklin Elementary
Eeshaani Verma	Hibberd Intermediate School
Atticus Wilder	St Charles Borromeo School
Gauravi Meruva (alt)	Woodside Middle School

SENIOR DIVISION

Colton Berghorn	South Side High School
Frank Cai	Homestead High School
Achyut Ethiraj & Aditi Ethiraj	Carroll High School
Elva Gu	Indiana Academy for Science, Math, & Humanities
Arha Kureti	Carroll High School
Mikhail Nosov	Burriss Laboratory School
Zain Nasir	Yorktown High School
Zaina Nasir	Indiana Academy for Science, Math, & Humanities
Ishan Ramrakhiani	Canterbury School
Jeremiah Sandoval	South Side High School