

TOP 300 MASTERS 2018

About Broadcom MASTERS

Broadcom MASTERS® (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars), a program of Society for Science & the Public, is the premier middle school science and engineering fair competition, inspiring the next generation of scientists, engineers and innovators who will solve the grand challenges of the 21st century and beyond. We believe middle school is a critical time when young people identify their personal passion, and if they find STEM elements, they can be inspired to follow their passion by taking STEM courses in high school.

As the only middle school STEM competition that leverages Society-affiliated science fairs as a critical component of the STEM talent pipeline, the Broadcom MASTERS consists of the top 10 percent of 6th, 7th and 8th grade projects entered in Society-affiliated fairs around the country. After submitting the online application, the Top 300 MASTERS are selected by a nationally ranked panel of scientists, engineers and educators.

The Top 300 MASTERS are honored for their work with a prize package that includes an award ribbon, semifinalist certificate of accomplishment, Broadcom MASTERS backpack, a Broadcom MASTERS decal, a one-year family digital subscription to *Science News* magazine, an Inventor's Notebook, courtesy of The Lemelson Foundation, a one-year subscription to Wolfram Mathematica software, courtesy of Wolfram Research and a special prize from Jeff Glassman, CEO of Covington Capital Management. In recognition of the role that teachers play in the success of their students, each Top 300 MASTERS' designated teacher also will receive a Broadcom MASTERS tote bag, a one-year digital subscription to *Science News* magazine, and a special edition booklet of Invention and Innovation articles, courtesy of The Lemelson Foundation.

From the Top 300 MASTERS group, 30 finalists are selected on September 18. They will present their research projects and compete in hands-on team STEM challenges to demonstrate their 21st Century skills in critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity at the Broadcom MASTERS finals. Top awards include a grand prize of \$25,000, trips to STEM summer camps and more.

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 Broadcom MASTERS entrants

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Students are listed in order by home state, fair code, and name of school based on information provided by each student in their entry. Students listed under the state fair may also have qualified through their regional fair. Students conducting team projects were eligible, but each student entered individually and was judged based on the submitted written entry. The grade listed for each student is from Spring 2018. Visit https://findafair.societyforscience.org to look up Broadcom MASTERS affiliated fairs fairs by state. *Top 300 MASTERS nominated by regional and state fair.

ALABAMA

USAL03 Discovery Middle School

Ashwin Prabhakar (7th Grade)

Madison, Alabama

Synthetic Enhancement of Photosynthesis

USAL05 Holy Spirit Catholic High School

Hayden Pilkinton (8th Grade)

Boligee, Alabama Glaze Color Change

ARIZONA

USAZ03 Arizona College Prep-Oakland

Vinay Raman (8th Grade)

Chandler, Arizona

Effect of Chemical Dispersant Amount on the Difference of

Interfacial Tension of Oil

Gowan Science Academy

Matthew Boelts (6th Grade)

Yuma, Arizona Fatal Attraction

Ironwood Elementary

Adam Velazco (6th Grade)

Marana, Arizona

Wildlife Construction Malfunction

USAZ50 BASIS Scottsdale

Maya Schwickert (7th Grade)

Scottsdale, Arizona

Dissolving Gelatin after High-Performance Synchro

BASIS Scottsdale

Akshaya Venkatesh (8th Grade)

Scottsdale, Arizona

A Novel Mobile App to Minimize Food Waste and Maximize Harvest

ARKANSAS

USAR04 Rural Special School

Echo Mitchell (7th Grade)

Fox, Arkansas

The Arachnoid Fog Trap: Solving the Global Water Crisis

CALIFORNIA

USCA01 Arroyo Vista Middle School

Shaivi Shah (8th Grade)

Rancho Santa Margarita, California

iRelief: Smartphone-Based Eye Exercising Tool to Reduce Computer Vision

Syndrome through Visual Movement Patterns

Fairmont Private School

Kamran Ansari (6th Grade)

Tustin, California

Mathematical Modeling of Intracranial Pressure Response to Inversion

Therapy for Dural Leak Headaches

Fairmont Private School

Nadia Ansari (8th Grade)

Tustin, California

Removal of Dye Nanoparticles Using a Natural Coagulant with

Electrocoagulation in Series to Remediate Wastewater

Fairmont Private School-Anaheim Hills Campus

Firas Qureshi (8th Grade)

Corona, California

A Geotechnical Investigation on Infused Soil Characteristics

Our Lady Queen of Angels School

Emma Zebrowski (8th Grade)

Irvine, California

How do the Angle and Direction of a Solar Cell Affect the Amount of

Energy Generated?

Rancho San Joaquin Middle School

Emily Hsi (8th Grade)*

Irvine, California

A Scientific Method of Choosing Sweet Grapes—An Evaluation of 12

Characteristics

Saint Margaret's Episcopal School

Parisa Khashayar (8th Grade)

Laguna Niguel, California

Micro-Processor Based Fire Fighter Assist Unit Using IOT

USCA02 American Martyrs School

Clara Mangali (8th Grade)

Hermosa Beach, California

Ionic Liquids versus Enzymes: Cellulose Saccharification for the

Production of Ethanol

USCA02

American Martyrs School

Emily Champion (7th Grade)

Redondo Beach, California Solutions for Canine Otitis

Vahan and Anoush Chamlian Armenian School

Jake Grigorian (7th Grade)

Glendale, California

Which Robotic Apparatus Picks up a Cone the Fastest?

Mountain Avenue Elementary School

Mahesh Arunachalam (6th Grade)

Montrose, California Seal that Mask!

Mountain Avenue Elementary School

Mihir Manchikatla (6th Grade)

La Crescenta, California

Seal that Mask!

Saint Gregory A & M Hovsepian School

Daron Yacoubian (7th Grade)

Glendale, California

PorSHA H₂O (Portable Solar Heating Apparatus)

SaintTimothy School

Lola Castorina (7th Grade)

Marina Del Rey, California

Can Road Salt be Used to Control the Mosquito Population?

USCA03

Granite Ridge Intermediate School

John Benedict Estrada (7th Grade)

Fresno, California

Comparison of Plant Chlorophyll Content Measurement Utilizing a Ground

SPAD Meter Versus a Low Altitude Multispectral Camera

Granite Ridge Intermediate School

Ananya Vinay (7th Grade)

Fresno, California

Testing Effectiveness of Computer-Based Study versus Traditional Methods:

Are You Being a Neo-Luddite?

Quail Lake Charter School

Ashley Schletewitz (8th Grade)

Sanger, California

Determining the Effects of Equisetum hyemale on the Growth Rate of

Penicillium italicum

USCA04

Altamont Elementary School

Alicia Roice (8th Grade)

Mountain House, California

Radical Terminators!: Comparing Antioxidant Activity of Different Polyphenol

Rich Food Using the Briggs-Rauscher Reaction and a Raspberry Pi

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USCA04

Altamont Elementary School

Ashlyn Roice (8th Grade)

Mountain House, California

Radical Terminators!: Comparing the Antioxidant Activity of Different Food Samples Using the Briggs-Rauscher Reaction and Raspberry Pi

California Connections Academy at Ripon

Yahvin Gali (8th Grade)

Tracy, California

eSphere — Buoy-Less, Biomimetic, Versatile, Low-Impact, Zero-Carbon Hydrokinetic Device that Harvests Energy from the Movement of Water Using Electromagnetic Induction, Without Harming the Environment and the Wildlife in It

USCA05

Bernardo Heights Middle School

Anusha Kadiyala (8th Grade)

San Diego, California

Determining Gene Dominance in Polygenic Traits

Escondido Christian School

Adrian Derderian (8th Grade)

San Diego, California

Probing Photons with Polarizers, Counting them with Cosines

Islamic School of San Diego

Ziyad Soliman (8th Grade)

Del Mar, California

Map It Right!

Mesa Verde Middle School

Atulya Mandyam (8th Grade)

San Diego, California

Relating Voluntary Wheel Running to Changes in Levels of Dopamine

Nazareth Catholic School

Rohan Murali (7th Grade)

San Diego, California

Functional Orthotic Materials: Force Reduction during Impacts

The Rhoades School

Jasmine Elasaad (8th Grade)

Encinitas, California

Effectiveness of Method of Loci on Short-Term and Long-Term Memory

The Rhoades School

Kian Chakamian (7th Grade)

Rancho Santa Fe, California

Correlating Olive Quick Decline Syndrome Infections to Presence of Sharpshooters

USCA05 Thurgood Marshall Middle School

Blake Scurry (8th Grade)

San Diego, California

A Unique Spin on Aerodynamics; Airfoil Augmented with Semi-Auto

Rotating Leading Edge Cylinder

USCA06 The Nueva School

Jack Albright (8th Grade)*

Los Altos, California

Predicting the Future: Using Machine Learning to Forecast the Progression of

Alzheimer's Disease

USCA07 Challenger School-Strawberry Park

Arhana Aatresh (7th Grade)

Saratoga, California

Up, Up, and Away: The Effect of Substrate Type, Substrate Temperature, and

Load on Hover Engines and Hovering Efficiency

Challenger School-Sunnyvale

Diptanshu Sikdar (8th Grade)

Milpitas, California

Energy Harvesting Utilizing a Wind-Driven Triboelectric Generator

Challenger School-Sunnyvale

Sonia Swamy (6th Grade)

Cupertino, California

AlgalPlast — Sustainable Bioplastic from Algae and its Effect on Tensile

Strength, Water Resistance, and Compostability

Challenger School-Sunnyvale

Henry Yao (6th Grade)

Sunnyvale, California

What's in Your Lunch Box? Exploring the Effect of Time and Temperature on

Nitrite Level in Cooked Foods

Granada Islamic School

Ahmad Ismail (8th Grade)

Santa Clara, California

Effect of Combination Antifungal Therapy on the Treatment of Candidiasis

Granada Islamic School

Fatimah Ismail (6th Grade)

Santa Clara, California

Developing an Artificial Pancreas: Dealing with Diabetes

The Harker School

Sriram Bhimaraju (6th Grade)

Cupertino, California

Low-Cost Archery Assistant with an Interface for the Visually Impaired

The Harker School

Alice Feng (8th Grade)

San Jose, California

The Effect of Mushroom Species and Substrates on the Properties of a Novel Biodegradable Material: Mycelium

The Harker School

Arely Sun (8th Grade)

Saratoga, California

The Effect of Mushroom Species and Substrates on the Properties of a Novel Biodegradable Material: Mycelium

Joaquin Miller Middle School

Krithi Koodli (8th Grade)

Saratoga, California

Distinguishing between Binary and Singular Stars Using Machine Learning

Oakwood Country School

Ayana Wilmot (7th Grade)

San Martin, California

Factors Affecting the Rate of Photosynthesis of California Lichens:

A Suitability Study into Oxygen Production on Mars

Quimby Oak Middle School

Sneha Revanur (8th Grade)

San Jose, California

Analyzing Gender-Based Violence and Aggressive Behavior Through Social Media Data

Saint Christopher School

Joseph Thomas (7th Grade)

San Jose, California

A Machine Learning Approach to Predicting NBA Rookie Potential

Stratford School-San Jose Middle Schoo

Vedant Janapaty (6th Grade)

San Jose, California

Redirecting Water to the Roots: An Effective Way to Increase

Water Absorbency

Stratford School-Sunnyvale Raynor Middle School

Arhan Rout (8th Grade)

Cupertino, California

Using Adjuvant to Amplify the Effect of Organic Herbicides to Kill Undesired Plants

Stratford School-Sunnyvale Raynor Middle School

Aylin Salahifar (8th Grade)

Redwood City, California

Using Adjuvants to Amplify the Effect of Organic Herbicides to Kill Undesired Plants

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USCA07 Terman Middle School

Roy Gross (7th Grade)

Palo Alto, California

An Emergency Communication Mesh Network for Civilians: Lessons from

Puerto Rico

USCA08 Iron Horse Middle School

Jaanavi Thanamala (8th Grade)

San Ramon, California

How Audience Size Affects an Adolescent Speaker's Heart Rate

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School

Isabelle Katz (7th Grade)

Moraga, California

A Bubble Activated Human Powered Carbon Capture Device

USCA09 Corpus Christi School

Julia Mastracci (8th Grade)

Oakland, California

Can People Cure Their Own Phone Addiction?

Harvest Park Middle School Lakshmi Sajith (8th Grade)

Pleasanton, California

Save Aquatic Life — An Alternative to Toxic Chemicals in Sunscreen

Homeschool

Espen Slettnes (7th Grade)*

Castro Valley, California

Minimal Embedding Dimensions of Rectangle k-Visibility Graphs

Homeschool

Maya Basu (8th Grade)

Fremont, California

Can I Predict Double and Triple Slit Interference with Geometry?

Stratford Middle School Fremont Curtis

Sahan Karunaratne (6th Grade)

Fremont, California

Pill Minder: The Medication Reminder

USCA11 Gateway Middle School

Abigail Goodman (6th Grade)

Santa Cruz, California

B Flat Bee: Does Wingbeat Frequency Predict Honeybee Flower Selection?

USCA12 International School of Monterey

Ciann Amalan (7th Grade) East Garrison, California

Are Handheld Devices Really Affecting Your Body?

USCA12 International School of Monterey

Abby Yamashita (7th Grade)

Monterey, California

Are Handheld Devices Really Affecting Your Body?

USCA13 Lee Vining Elementary School

Ellery McQuilkin (8th Grade)*

Lee Vining, California

A Tale of Two Slopes: Aspect Creates Microclimates

Mt. Baldy Joint Elementary School **Harrison Cameron (7th Grade)**

Upland, California

Out of Control: Blood Glucose Meter Accuracy

USCA15 El Cerrito Middle School

Nathan Gomez (7th Grade)

Corona, California *Biomass to Biogas*

Homeschool

Saira Gupta (8th Grade)

Riverside, California

Making Our Smartphones Lifesavers: Allergen Residue Detection

Riverside Virtual School

James Fagan (8th Grade)

Riverside, California

Design and Calibration of a Subsonic, Low Density Wind Tunnel for Martian Aerodynamic Research

USCA16 Central Middle School

Sarah Hansen (7th Grade)

San Carlos, California

Eyedropper Properties that Affect Drop Size

Central Middle School

Christopher Kwok (7th Grade)

San Carlos, California

R.I.P. Double Reeds: How to Delay the Decaying Rate of a Double Reed?

Central Middle School

Nicholas Kwok (7th Grade)

San Carlos, California

R.I.P. Double Reeds: How to Delay the Decaying Rate of a Double Reed?

Crocker Middle School

Alexis MacAvoy (7th Grade)

Hillsborough, California

A Rising Power: Improving the Power Output of a Microbial Fuel Cell, the

Rising Solution to Our Quest for Renewable Energy Sources

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USCA₁₆

La Entrada Middle School

Sina Kassayan (6th Grade)

Atherton, California

Light Bite: An Optical Measurement Method and Device to Determine the

Ripeness of Fruits

The Nueva School

Alexandra Wingate (7th Grade)

San Mateo, California

Using Probabilistic Techniques to Build a Better Primality Test

Woodside Elementary School

Georgia Hutchinson (7th Grade)

Woodside, California

Designing a Data-Driven Dual Axis Solar Tracker

USCA50

Altamont Elementary School

Jacqueline Prawira (8th Grade)

Mountain House, California

Bio.fiber.plastic:The Effect of Lignocellulosic Fiber in Enhancing the

Formation and Tensile Strength of Rice Bioplastic

Challenger School-Berryessa

Nithika Karthikeyan (8th Grade)

San Jose, California

The Design of Algorithms to Encode English Text in Amino Acids Using

Digital Data Compression

Delphi Academy of Campbell

Samik Pattanayak (6th Grade)

Saratoga, California

Does Screen Time before Bedtime Impinge the Quality of your Sleep?

The Harker School

Harsh Deep (8th Grade)

Saratoga, California

The Effect of T4 Bacteriophages on Antibiotic Resistant E. coli

The Harker School

Shounak Ghosh (8th Grade)

Saratoga, California

The Effect of T4 Bacteriophages on Antibiotic Resistant E. coli

Los Cerritos Middle School

Spencer King (8th Grade)

Thousand Oaks, California

Magnetic Levitation: Reducing Train Friction with Track

Notre Dame Catholic School

Emily Huitt (8th Grade)

Chico, California

Investigating the Effects of Endomycorrhizea Fungi versus Cow Manure on the Growth of Tomato Plants

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USCA78 Sierra Vista Middle School

Jude Alexis (7th Grade)

Irvine, California

Melding with Machines: An Al Based Non-Invasive Artificial Pancreas System

Sierra Vista Middle School

Braedyn Hutchison (7th Grade)

Irvine, California

The "Sweetest" Rocket Candy: Evaluating Sucrose, Glucose, and Fructose as

Fuels for Sugar-Based Solid Rocket Motors

USCA79 Goleta Valley Junior High School

Antonio Cortijo Rodgers (8th Grade)

Goleta, California

Branding and its Effects on Consumer Satisfaction and Preferences

COLORADO

USCO06 Walt Clark Middle School

Kelly Clingan (8th Grade)

Loveland, Colorado

Can We Prevent Concussions in Youth Sports and Chronic Traumatic

Encephalopthy (CTE) in Later Life? An Evidence Based Analysis of Collision

Impulse Reduction and Protective Headgear Effectiveness

USCO09 Summit Middle Charter School

Haiyan Wang (8th Grade)

Boulder, Colorado

Plant Growth in a Mars-Like Environment

Summit Middle Charter School **Ethan Wurman (8th Grade)**

Boulder, Colorado

A Salt and Battery: The Electrolysis of Salt Water Solutions

USCO10 Challenge Middle School

Sirinya Frankel (8th Grade) Greenwood Village, Colorado

The Effect of Impermeable Surfaces on Soil Biodiversity

Challenge Middle School

Georgia Hartley (8th Grade)*

Denver, Colorado

Mind the Gape: The Effect of Tension on the Gaping of Sutures

Challenge Middle School

Esha Sury (8th Grade)

Greenwood Village, Colorado

Synergizing Antibiotics with Broad-Range Bacteriophage K and Prophylactic Silver Nanoparticles: An Attempt to Tackle Specific Cases of Resistance

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USCO₁₀

Challenge Middle School

Neil Sury (7th Grade)

Greenwood Village, Colorado

Enhancing Gecko Adhesive Technology Using Micro-Fiter Nano Molding and

Carbon Nanotubes

STEM School

Gitanjali Rao (7th Grade)*

Lone Tree, Colorado

Detecting Lead Compounds in Water Using Carbon Nanotubes

CONNECTICUT

USCT50

Saint Bridget School

Kavin Kathir (8th Grade)

Cheshire, Connecticut

Transforming Trash into Treasure: Sustainable Approach to Oil Spill Cleanup

Saint Gregory the Great School

Maximilien Coisman (7th Grade)

Danbury, Connecticut

Testing Different Species of Algae in Building Self-Sustaining Microbial

Fuel Cells

Talcott Mountain Academy

Julian Kage (8th Grade)

Glastonbury, Connecticut

Quick Lyme: The Rapid Test for Lyme Bacteria in Ticks

Talcott Mountain Academy

Emma Ruccio (8th Grade)

Southington, Connecticut

Got Your Back

Westside Middle School Academy

Khushi Parikh (8th Grade)

Danbury, Connecticut

Artificial Intelligence Based Image Recognition to Diagnose Lyme Disease

FLORIDA

USFL05

Canterbury School

Jason Nanda (6th Grade)

Fort Myers, Florida

Does Transmission Efficiency Correlate with Long-Term Durability in Worm

Gear Reducers?

USFL07

Okaloosa STEMM Academy

Gabriel Lerner-Sperow (7th Grade)*

Niceville, Florida

Fueling the Future: Hydrogen Production Yield and Rate Dependent upon

Aluminum Surface Area

USFL08 Abraham Lincoln Middle School

Anjana Balachandar (8th Grade)*

Gainesville, Florida

The Behavior of Bent Backbones

USFL08 Abraham Lincoln Middle School

Janani Kumaran (8th Grade)*

Gainesville, Florida

Integrated Control of the Invasive Aquatic Plant Hydrilla Using Snails and a

Plant Growth Regulator (Continuation Project: Year 2)

Abraham Lincoln Middle School

Akash Verma (7th Grade)*

Gainesville, Florida

Boosting Cognitive Skills: An EEG Study

Canterbury School

Maya Chandar (8th Grade)*

Fort Myers, Florida

The Effect of Laser Beams on the Cellular Respiration and ATP Production in

Zophobas morio (A Novel 3rd Year Study)

USFL09 American Heritage School

Christian Custodio (8th Grade)

Coral Springs, Florida

Analysis of Monotherapy and Combination Therapy on Helicobacter felis

American Heritage School

Rohan Kumar (8th Grade)

Miramar, Florida

Subculturing Coccolithophores with Iron Fertilization to Sequester Carbon

Dioxide as a Potential Solution to Global Warming

Crystal Lake Middle School

Khushi Desai (7th Grade)

Coral Springs, Florida

Effect of Colloidal Solution Turbidity on Optimum Consumption of Metal-

Based Coagulant in Clarification of Colloidal Particles from Solution

Julia Landon College Preparatory and Leadership Development School

Chace Caven (7th Grade)*

Jacksonville, Florida

Designing Ligands that Dock with Mutated LRRK2 Proteins as a Potential

Intervention for Parkinson's Disease

Julia Landon College Preparatory and Leadership Development School

Nicole Stover (8th Grade)*

Jacksonville, Florida

The Effect of Dissolved Oxygen Augmentation on the Kratky Non-Circulating

Method of Hydroponic Tomato Cultivation

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USFL₁₀

USFL14 Ronald McNair Magnet Middle School

Kai Aravena (8th Grade)

Melbourne, Florida

The Safest Catcher's Mask

USFL15 Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School

Gabriela Muriel (8th Grade)

Aventura, Florida

Paraplegics Achieving Stability in the Vertical Wind Tunnel

John I. Smith K-8 Center

Carina Mariaca (8th Grade)

Doral, Florida

Squeeze the Green

USFL17 Lake Highland Preparatory School

Varun Madan (8th Grade)*

Orlando, Florida

Field Testing of Feeding Bacterium Bifidobacterium infantis (Found in a

Human Gut Probiotic) in Order to Improve Honey Bee Health

Orange County Preparatory Academy

Mikayla Simmons (8th Grade)

Orlando, Florida

The Number 7 May Prove to be Lucky with Cancer

USFL19 Covenant Christian School

Colin Campbell (8th Grade)

Panama City, Florida

The Effect of In-Water Application of Vibration on the Posterior Regeneration

of Dugesia tigrina

Surfside Middle School

Lillian Mefford (8th Grade)

Panama City Beach, Florida

Operation Turtle Grass: Exploring the Relationship Between Turbidity and

Thalassia testudinum in St. Andrew Bay and Grand Lagoon

USFL21 Fruit Cove Middle School

Lourdes McKay (8th Grade)

St. Johns, Florida

Mythbusting: Does Coffee Roast Style Affect Caffeine Concentrations?

Liberty Pines Academy

Hannah Rivkin (7th Grade)

St Augustine, Florida

Which Airfoil Type Can Achieve the Greatest Angle of Attack (CL Max) Without

Losing Lift?

USFL21 Sanford Middle School

Deepika Kannan (8th Grade)*

Oviedo, Florida

Li-fi Versus Wi-fi: Factors Affecting Data Transmission Across

Electromagnetic Spectra

Sanford Middle School

Annika Vaidyanathan (8th Grade)*

Oviedo, Florida

The Sweet Sound of Silence: A New Design for Quieter Vent and Fan Grilles

(Year 2 Study)

USFL23 Sanford Middle School

Kyra Henriques (7th Grade)

Sanford, Florida

Testing the Antimicrobial Properties of Herbs and Spices on Aerobic

Microbes in Milk

Seminole Science Charter School

Timo Horn (6th Grade)

Winter Park, Florida

Performance Difference Between Lithium-Based Automotive Greases

USFL29 American Heritage School of Boca Delray

Ayden Lapon (8th Grade)

Delray Beach, Florida

Does Bacteria Show Aggressive and Territorial Behavior?

USFL29 The Weiss School

Benjamin Barron (8th Grade)Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Coronary Stent Design and Optimization

USFL30 Charles S. Rushe Middle School

Hailey Mahadeen (8th Grade)

Lutz, Florida Cryoprotection

USFL31 Gifford Middle School

Zachary Hessler (7th Grade)*

Vero Beach, Florida

SOS 2: See Our Silence; An Optical Approach to Controlling Digital Noise

Cancellation

Storm Grove Middle School

Lucero Long (8th Grade)*

Vero Beach, Florida

Do You Get My Drift? The Effect of Drift Reduction Agent on Spray Patterns

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USFL50 Howard Middle School

Vivek Sandrapaty (7th Grade)*

Ocala, Florida

Take a Dive into the Future of Water Safety: An Idea for a Small Electronic Device that May Prevent Accidental Drowning in Swimming Pools

Lawton Chiles Middle School Varsha Naga (8th Grade)*

Oviedo, Florida

Rush to Green Gold: Comparitive Efficiency of Biofuel Processed from Green

Sources versus Fossil Fuels

USFL50 Pine Ridge Middle School

Benno Hermans (7th Grade)

Naples, Florida Bioplastics

West Shore Junior/Senior High School

Kaylee Krininger (8th Grade)

Melbourne, Florida

Determining if a Method Using Chemical and Gelid Temperature Cell Lysis can Most Effectively Decellularize Bos taurus Renal Tissue while Preserving the Extracellular Matrix Scaffolding and Other Intracellular

Contents (A Second Year Study)

GEORGIA

USGA03 The Westminster Schools

William Jenkins (8th Grade)*

Atlanta, Georgia

Robotic Tennis Ball Sorter

USGA09 J.C. Booth Middle School

Marc van Zyl (7th Grade) Peachtree City, Georgia Automatic Mangivison

Whitewater Middle School **Jacob Morrison (7th Grade)**

Senoia, Georgia Collision Chaos

USGA12 General Ray Davis Middle School

Nylah Ductan (8th Grade)

Convers, Georgia

Which Bioabsorption Technique is More Efficient?

USGA13 Fulton Science Middle School

Khalil Lindo (6th Grade)

Decatur, Georgia
Nature's Water Filters

USGA50 Chapel Hill Middle School

Kennedy Rogers (7th Grade)

Douglasville, Georgia

Play It Safe: Detecting Concussion Prone Impacts in Youth Sports

Northwestern Middle School **Asmi Kumar (8th Grade)**

Milton, Georgia

Developing a Device to Predict Autistic Meltdowns Using Arduino &

MS Azure

USGA78 Lovinggood Middle School

Stephen Litt (8th Grade)

Marietta, Georgia

Phase III: Can Epigallocatechin-3-Gallate Identify and Eliminate Cancerous

Tumors in Planarians? A Novel Approach Toward a Cure for Cancer

HAWAII

USHI05 Waiakea Intermediate School

Claire Hughes (8th Grade)

Hilo, Hawaii

Do Different Populations of Ohia Seedlings from Around the Island Have any

Resistance to ROD Lukuohia/Huliohia

USHI06 Kailua Intermediate School

Heather Dinman (8th Grade)

Kailua, Hawaii

Maximize Hydroponic Plant Growth

USHI08 Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School

Zoey Duan (8th Grade)*

Honolulu, Hawaii *Munch On Plastic*

USHI50 Waiakea Intermediate School

Matthew Okuda (8th Grade)

Hilo, Hawaii

Obtaining Optimum Efficiency in a Solar Autoclave: A Global Solution

ILLINOIS

USIL05 Quest Academy

Saanvi Chelikani (8th Grade)

Palatine, Illinois

Heavy Metals in Water: It's Not Just a Band

INDIANA

USIN24 Schmucker Middle School

Faisal Syed (8th Grade)

Granger, Indiana

The Effect of Artificial Sweeteners on Drosophila melanogaster

Circadian Rhythms

USIN26 West Lafayette Junior/Senior High School

> Irene Bhunia (8th Grade) West Lafayette, Indiana

Renal Microbe Mishap: Microbial Imbalance's Effect on the Formation of

Kidney Stones

IOWA

Lewis Central Middle School USIA50

Amara Orth (8th Grade)

Glenwood, Iowa

Chemical Analysis of Honey Bee Propolis: Habitat Diversity Affects the Quality of Propolis, an Essential Component of Honey Bee Colonies

Albert W. Merrill Middle School

Carl Tubbs (7th Grade)

Des Moines, Iowa

Taking the Sting from the Swing

KANSAS

USMO04 Delta Woods Middle School

Bentley Siems (6th Grade)

Blue Springs, Missouri

Radiation's Effects on Bacteria Surface Area

South Middle School

Thomas Lushington (7th Grade)

Lawrence, Kansas

TDP-43 Fibril Cappers for ALS Treatment via Molecular Simulations

South Middle School

Frances Parker (7th Grade)

Lawrence, Kansas

Simulations and Design of Protein Helix Stabilizers for ALS Treatment

KENTUCKY

USKY02 Saint Francis of Assisi

Avery Ramsey (7th Grade)

Louisville, Kentucky

The Impact of Flame Retardants on Stem Cell Behavior

Meyzeek Middle School

Shraman Kar (6th Grade)

Louisville, Kentucky

Garden Bot — Healthy Garden Producing Maximum Output while Conserving

Precious Groundwater Using Arduino Based Controller and Sensors

Meyzeek Middle School

Shreyas Kar (8th Grade)

Louisville, Kentucky

Right Charity — A Software-Based Web Application to Bring Donors, Charities and Receivers on the Same Platform and Facilitate to Donate and Distribute Most Needed Items to Right People at Right Time

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USKY03

USKY03 Meyzeek Middle School

Luke Mo (7th Grade) Louisville, Kentucky

Does Ambient Particulate Matter Cause Cytotoxicity and DNA Damage?

USKY05 Trinity Christian Academy

Alexis Hopper (7th Grade)

Georgetown, Kentucky Shocking Stem Cells

USKY05 Edythe J. Hayes Middle School

Kiera Fehr (7th Grade) Lexington, Kentucky

Saved in Space: The Mission Continues

USKY50 Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic School

John Mulvihill (6th Grade)

Louisville, Kentucky

Creating Pawpaw Bioplastics

Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic School

Kate Quinn (6th Grade)

Louisville, Kentucky

Exploring Atrazine's Neurotoxicity as a Possible Cause of Parkinson's Disease

LOUISIANA

USLA02 Caddo Parish Middle Magnet School

Ashini Modi (8th Grade)*

Shreveport, Louisiana

Photometric Detection of Extra Solar Planetary Transits Across Sun-Like Stars

USLA08 John Curtis Christian

Rachel Pizzolato (8th Grade)*

Metairie, Louisiana

Improving 3D Printed Turbine Efficiency by Exploiting the "Lotus Effect" Through the Application of Silicon Nanoparticles to Turbine Blade Surfaces

and Varying the Wind Diverter Angle of a Venturi

MARYLAND

USMD02 Urbana Middle School

Maansi Manoj (7th Grade)

Frederick, Maryland

The Effect of Neem Leaf Extract as an Antibacterial and Antifungal Agent

Urbana Middle School **Emily Wang (7th Grade)**

Frederick, Maryland

The Effect of Neem Leaf Extract as an Antifungal and Antibacterial Agent

USMD03 Roberto Clemente MIddle School

Daniel Choi (8th Grade) Germantown, Maryland

Antioxidants on Regeneration: The More the Better?

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Roberto Clemente Middle School

Efe Eroz (8th Grade)

Rockville, Maryland

Examining the Correlation between Water Toxicity and Lettuce Growth

through a Biological Assay

Roberto Clemente Middle School

Mihir Gupta (8th Grade)

Clarksburg, Maryland

How Different Types of Helmets Affect How the Head Is Protected

Roberto Clemente Middle School

Frank Horrigan (8th Grade)

Darnestown, Maryland

The Ratio of Antioxidant to Glycemic Load in Fruit Juice

Roberto Clemente Middle School

Jeffrey Jiang (8th Grade)

Germantown, Maryland

What Helmet is Best for You?

Roberto Clemente Middle School

Benjamin Nachod (8th Grade)

Clarksburg, Maryland

Measuring the Effect of Different Seaweed Based Bio-Stimulants on the

Growth of Plants

Roberto Clemente Middle School

Sarah Thomas (8th Grade)

Clarksburg, Maryland

The Effects of Aerobic and Anaerobic Conditions on the Metabolic

Efficiency of Yeast

MASSACHUSETTS

USMA02

Andover School of Montessori

Anna Du (6th Grade)

Andover, Massachusetts

Developing a Smart Infrared Based ROV to Identify Microplastics in

Marine Environments

Blanchard Middle School

Diya Godavarti (8th Grade)

Westford, Massachusetts

The Science Behind Homemade Yogurt Manufacturing

Littleton Middle School

Vivienne Lance (8th Grade)*

Littleton, Massachusetts

Plant-Based Phytol Makes Clean-Up of Oil Spills More Effective

USMA02 Littleton Middle School

Michael Taylor (8th Grade)*

Littleton, Massachusetts

An Analysis of the Effects of Increased Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide on the Protein Concentration and Proteinogenic Amino Acid Concentrations of Brassica rapa Floral Pollen: A Potential Cause of Honeybee Colony Loss and

Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD)

USMA05 Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School

Sruthi Kurada (8th Grade) Littleton, Massachusetts

Building a State-of-the-Art Audio Classifier through Machine Learning

USMA50 Homeschool

Ella Berger (6th Grade)

Marlborough, Massachusetts

Are Superluminal Speeds Really Unreachable?

Oak Middle School

Diya Satanur (8th Grade)

Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

Helping Hands-Aide Speech Disorder in Children

Sharon Middle School

Srivishnu Piratla (8th Grade)

Sharon, Massachusetts

R-View: An Inexpensive and Efficient System to Detect Firearms in

Public Spaces

South Middle School

Kaia Rodrigues (7th Grade)

Brockton, Massachusetts

Improving the Effectiveness of Highway Noise Barriers

MICHIGAN

USMI02 Huda School and Montessori

Adnan Khan (7th Grade)

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Cages, Foil, and Shields — How to Keep Your Smartphone from Zapping You!

Michigan Islamic Academy

Ahmad Sukhon (6th Grade)

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Braille Translator Device and Software

Saint Matthew Lutheran School

Anthony Quittschreiber (8th Grade)

Milford, Michigan Riddled with Potholes

USMI02 West Hills Middle School

Pooja Kannappan (8th Grade)

West Bloomfield, Michigan

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Healthcare

USMI03 Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy

Jett Miller (6th Grade)

Merrill, Michigan

Improving Air Bag Safety

MINNESOTA

USMN04 Math and Science Academy

Rikhil Seshadri (8th Grade)*

Woodbury, Minnesota

Low Cost, Non-Aqueous Electrolyte Based Supercapacitors for

Energy Storage

Stillwater Junior High School

Margaret Banks (6th Grade)*

Woodbury, Minnesota

Fruity Power: Creating a Biodegradable Battery

USMN07 Homeschool

Supriya Roy (8th Grade)

Rochester, Minnesota

Mathematical Modeling of Virus Transmission During the 1918 Influenza

Pandemic

MISSOURI

USMO02 Saint Patrick Catholic School

Andrew Woodley (8th Grade)

Rolla, Missouri

The Effect of the Angle of a Fidget Spinner on Spin Time

MONTANA

USMT50 Hamilton Middle School

Peyton Haddock (8th Grade)

Hamilton, Montana

Beetle Kill Wood: Changing Construction as We Know It

Kalispell Middle School

Alexandra Houseworth (8th Grade)

Kalispell, Montana

The Renewable Rotating Recharger

Sussex School

John Duerk (8th Grade)

Missoula, Montana

Quantum Entanglement with Polarization

USMT50 Sussex School

Daisy Kulina (8th Grade)

Missoula, Montana

Quantum Entanglement with Polarization

NEBRASKA

USNE02 Millard North Middle School

Anvitha Boosani (8th Grade)

Omaha, Nebraska

Immune Engineering to Prevent Atherosclerosis and Other Immune-Related

Diseases

NEW JERSEY

USNJ03 Homeschool

William Owen (7th Grade)

Princeton, New Jersey

Angular Momentum Transport in a Galactic Collision

Timberlane Middle School

Charlotte Michaluk (6th Grade)

Titusville, New Jersey

Terrific Tensile Tester: A Cost Effective Solution for Evaluating

Adhesive Systems

Toms River Intermediate North

Julietta Onofrietti (8th Grade)

Toms River, New Jersey

Can Plant Derived Oils Act as a Natural Way to Decrease Caries Causing

Bacteria Streptococcus mutans in the Oral Cavity?

NEW MEXICO

USNM01 Jefferson Middle School

Olivia Cole (7th Grade) Albuquerque, New Mexico

The "Far Out" Spectrum of a Quasar

School of Dreams Academy

Gianna Nilvo (6th Grade)*

Los Lunas, New Mexico
The Digestion of Cat Food

USNM50 Sierra Middle School

Ksenia Sevostianov (7th Grade)

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Play "Spot the Difference" to Fight Cancer

NEW YORK

USNY01 Lagrange Middle School

Aidan Yen (7th Grade) Poughkeepsie, New York

The Effects of Ultraviolet Light on Yeast Cells

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USNY02 Commack Middle School

Michael Jang (8th Grade)

Commack, New York

Development of Solar-Powered Toxic Metal Cleaning Station from

Water Bodies

Garden City Middle School

Austin Crouchley (8th Grade)

Garden City, New York

Designing More Efficient Solar Panels: The Effect of Copper Cooling Coils on

Solar Module Output and Hot Water Production

Garden City Middle School

Caroline Crouchley (6th Grade)

Garden City, New York

Comparing Structural Integrity of Traditionally Shaped Housing and

Geodesic Domes

Grand Avenue Middle School

Tyler Bissoondial (7th Grade)

Bellmore, New York

MicroRNA-156 Regulates Gametophyte to Sporophyte Development and

Sensitivity to Salinity in Ceratopteris richardii

USNY05 Rye Neck Middle School

Kyle Ryan (6th Grade) Mamaroneck, New York

Air Pollution: Particulate Matter in the Village of Mamaroneck

USNY09 Allendale Columbia School

Madeleine Cotter (8th Grade)

Rochester, New York

Smooth Moves: A Comparison of Inverse Kinematics Algorithms for

Natural Positions

USNY11 Transit Middle School

Alexandra Nikiforov (7th Grade)

Williamsville, New York

EyeFitness

USNY78 Hunter College High School

Andrei Iosifescu (8th Grade)

Brooklyn, New York

Tracking Geomagnetic Storms Using a WAAS-Enabled GPS Receiver

Hunter College High School

Aidan Lok (7th Grade)

Howard Beach, New York

Is the Five Second Rule True? The Effects of Food Type, Surface Type and

Contact Time on Bacterial Transfer to Dropped Food

NORTH CAROLINA

USNC50

R. Max Abbott Middle School

Kaitlyn Zuravel (8th Grade)

Fayetteville, North Carolina

Glue Busters: A Quest to See which Glue Will Make a Lap Joint with the Largest Ultimate Shear Strength and Be Most Efficient Over Time Considering the Ultimate Shear Strength of the Joint as Well as the Cost and Mass of the Glue

R. Max Abbott Middle School

Lauren Zuravel (6th Grade)

Fayettville, North Carolina

Glue Busters: A Quest to See which Glue Will Make a Lap Joint with the Largest Ultimate Shear Strength and Be Most Efficient Over Time Considering the Ultimate Shear Strength of the Joint as Well as the Cost and Mass of the Glue

East Wilkes Middle School

Chance Mastin (7th Grade)

North Wilkesboro, North Carolina *Is It Just a Simple Dimple?*

Roland-Grise Middle School

Uma Volety (8th Grade)

Wilmington, North Carolina

What's in Your Water? Lethal and Sub-Lethal Effects of the Polyfluorinated Compound, GenX, on the Eastern Oyster, Crassostrea virginica

Roland-Grise Middle School

Regan Williams (7th Grade)

Wilmington, North Carolina

One Grass, Two Grass, Old Grass, New Grass: Tropicalization and Its Effects on a Coastal Marine Ecosystem

OHIO

USOH02

Academy of Saint Adalbert

Daniel Anthony (7th Grade)

Strongsville, Ohio

The Effect of Magnetic Field Strength on Ferrofluid and Its Weight Bearing Capacity

Birchwood School

John Shin (7th Grade)*

Richfield, Ohio

Predicting Geomagnetic Storms with GPS

Homeschool

David Anand (7th Grade)

Akron, Ohio

Use of Haptic Feedback Controller to Counter the Effects of Varying Levels of Gravity on the Vestibular System for Inter-Planetary Space Travel

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USOH02 Homeschool

Kaz Kojima (7th Grade)

Medina, Ohio

Pupillography Image Analysis for Measuring Pupillary Light Reflex

USOH10 Mason Middle School

Gayatri Rajan (8th Grade)

Mason, Ohio

Application Development for Alzheimer's Pre-Symptomatic Testing (ADAPT)

USOH50 Saint Columban School

Regan Sharp (7th Grade)

Loveland, Ohio

What Factors Impact Muscle Stretch?

OREGON

USOR04 Meadow Park Middle School

Gauri Arora (7th Grade)

Portland, Oregon *Mitosis in Onions*

Stoller Middle School

Pratik Vangal (8th Grade)*

Portland, Oregon

Ameliorating Acute Respiratory Infections from Solid Biomass Fuel Combustion and Empowering Rural Kitchens with a Sustainable,

Cost-Effective Ventilation Solution

USOR07 Howard Street Charter School

Mihir Joshi (7th Grade)*

Salem, Oregon

Terrella Aurora Model: A Demonstration of Charged Particle Shielding for

Space Exploration

Leslie Middle School

John Madland (7th Grade)*

Salem, Oregon

Solar Radiation Charged Particle Deflector

USOR50 Bend Science Station

Teaghan Knox (8th Grade)

Bend, Oregon

Increasing the Speed of Olivine Weathering as a Means of Sequestering

Carbon Dioxide

Bend Science Station

Tiadora Wisco (7th Grade)

Bend, Oregon

Exploration of BZ Magnetic Rings Valley Catholic Middle School

Cedar Park Middle School

Arunima Deval (6th Grade)

Portland, Oregon

Mycorrhizal Fungi: An Exploration of the Impact of Organic Fertilizers on

Plant Growth

Cedar Park Middle School

Nikita Istratov (6th Grade)

Portland, Oregon

How Different Methods of Proportional Stringing Affect the Sweet Spot of a Tennis Racquet

Stoller Middle School

Rishab Jain (7th Grade)

Portland, Oregon

A Novel Deep Learning Approach Towards Semantic Segmentation of Malignant Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma Growths for Pancreatoduodenectomy and Image-Guided Radiotherapy (IGRT)

Stoller Middle School

Mithra Karamchedu (8th Grade)

Portland, Oregon

Arctic Methane Risk: Remote Sensing and Quantifying Permafrost Melt in Circumpolar Regions by Performing Fractal Analysis to Establish Temperature Correlations

Stoller Middle School

Darsh Mandera (7th Grade)

Portland, Oregon

A Novel General Purpose Machine Learning Approach for Effective Targeted Drug Prescription for Cancer Based on Genetic Mutations

Valley Catholic Middle School

Dev Rishi Udata (8th Grade)

Beaverton, Oregon

Adsorbtion of Lead in Contaminated Water

PENNSYLVANIA

USPA01

SaintTheresa School

Danielle Uroda (7th Grade)

Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

Crash Barriers: Plastic or Sand?

Centerville Middle School

Daniel Hufnagle (7th Grade)

East Petersburg, Pennsylvania

Liquid Armor

USPA02 Lancaster Country Day School

Milana Breuninger (7th Grade)

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Even Small Towns Contribute to Global Warming

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USPA02

Lancaster Country Day School

Gavin Wang (8th Grade)

Wyomissing, Pennsylvania

Characteristics of High-Energy Cosmic Rays

Manheim Township Middle School

Krishnakumar Chinnasamy (7th Grade)

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Functionalized Magnetic Nanoparticles Engineering for Cancer Theranostics

USPA03

Arcola Intermediate School

Parmesh Sivakumar (7th Grade)

Collegeville, Pennsylvania

Maximizing the Combustion Power of Ethanol

C.C.A. Baldi Middle School

Maria Calderon (8th Grade)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Effects of Hurricanes

Great Valley Middle School

Brighton Risch (6th Grade)

Malvern, Pennsylvania

Placebos and Prestige: Flavor Testing

Springhouse Middle School

Victor Cai (8th Grade)

Orefield, Pennsylvania

Designing a Sun Tracking Solar Panel to Maximize and Quantify Energy

Harvest Efficiency

Springhouse Middle School

Dhivya Shepherd (8th Grade)

Allentown, Pennsylvania

Fermentation in Aerobic and Anaerobic Environments

Tredyffrin-Easttown Middle School

Leo Wylonis (8th Grade)

Berwyn, Pennsylvania

"Make Airplanes Great Again": Optimizing and Controlling Aircraft

Wing Shape and Efficiency In-Flight through Novel Polymer Artificial

Muscle Actuators

University Scholars

Eeshwar Krishnan (8th Grade)

Exton, Pennsylvania

Using a Computer Algorithm to Predict if a Patient with Diabetes Will Return

within 30 days

USPA04 The Campus School of Carlow University

Eleanor Barth-Wu (8th Grade)

Pittsburh, Pennsylvania

Can Indium Be Extracted from Used Touch Screens

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USPA04 Dorseyville Middle School

Arvind Seshan (7th Grade)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Leveraging Directional Antenna-Based Wireless Signal Localization to

Aid Search and Rescue Efforts

Kentucky Avenue School

Olina Mukherjee (6th Grade)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Complex Social Behavior in Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches

Saint Kilian Parish School **Anna Spalvieri (8th Grade)** Seven Fields, Pennsylvania *Eye See It Differently*

WinchesterThurston School **Jackson Zemek (8th Grade)** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Harvester Robot

USPA06 Saint Francis Xavier Catholic School

Walter Kotlinski (8th Grade) Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Camber Position in Effective Airfoil Design

SOUTH CAROLINA

USSC04 Dent Middle School

Parth Desai (8th Grade) Columbia, South Carolina

Effects of Musical Training on the Cognitive Performance of Children

Dutch Fork Middle School **Sullivan French (8th Grade)**Columbia, South Carolina

Sustainable Engineering Green Roof Design

USSC78 Homeschool

Danielle Brooks (8th Grade)

Seneca, South Carolina

Why Don't Birds of a Feather Freeze Together? A Study of the Thermal

Insulation Value of Feathers

TENNESSEE

USTN04 Farragut Middle School

Ridhima Singh (7th Grade)

Knoxville, Tennessee

Does Urbanization Impact Flooding?

USTN05 Pleasant View School

Yasmeen Mannan (6th Grade)

Germantown, Tennessee

The Effect of pH in Liquids on the Rate of Corrosion

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USTN05

Pleasant View School

Naisha Chowdhury (8th Grade)

Memphis, Tennessee

Effect of Linoleic Acid on Wood Sealing Abilities

TEXAS

USTX01

Pat and Catherine Fowler Middle School

Vinay Ravi (8th Grade)

Plano, Texas

The Application of Au Nanoparticles in Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells

Frankford Middle School

Sophie Krajmalnik (8th Grade)*

Dallas, Texas

SANDRA (Serve and Data Results Analysis) Athletic Tech Glove

Otto Middle School

Sidhya Peddinti (8th Grade)*

Richardson, Texas

AlzAlertPi: Facial Recognition Alert System for Alzheimer's Patients

Otto Middle School

Neel Shanmugam (8th Grade)

Richardson, Texas

Feeling Feelings — Using Wearable Technology to Teach Autistic Children Emotion Recognition

Rice Middle School

Rithvik Ganesh (8th Grade)*

Plano, Texas

Diminishing Dementia: Piperine Derivatives as Inhibitors of the Angiotensin II Receptor, a Promising Drug Target Linked to Dementia Treatment

Schimelpfenig Middle School

Charles Hou (8th Grade)

Plano, Texas

A Novel Approach to Increase the Efficiency of a Galvanic Cell Battery Using Graphene Nanoplatelets

Wilson Middle School

Harshal Bharatia (8th Grade)

Plano, Texas

Intellitherm: So Cool, It's Hot

USTX02 Radford School

Vincent Yang (8th Grade)*

El Paso, Texas

An Unprecedented Approach to Perceive Surrounding Environment: Helping the Visually Impaired and Blind with a New Invention

USTX05

The Emery/Weiner School

Victor Markhasin (8th Grade)

Houston, Texas

Identifying Urban Micrometeorites

Seabrook Intermediate School

Austin Nelson (7th Grade)

League City, Texas

Preserving Peanut Butter Puppies

Seabrook Intermediate School

Pratishtha Sharma (8th Grade)

League City, Texas

It's Lit!

USTX06

Gilmer Intermediate School

Madison Perkins (7th Grade)

Gilmer, Texas

I've Got the Power: Creating Sustainable Energy Using Bacterial and

Algae Fuel Cells

USTX11

BASIS San Antonio Shavano Campus

Arhan Rao (7th Grade)

San Antonio, Texas

Effect of Sleep Hormone "Melatonin" on Breast Cancer Growth

Navarro Junior High School

Megan Clark (8th Grade)

Seguin, Texas

Water Powered Cars — Pollution Free Renewable Energy

Saint Matthew Catholic School

Laura Reilly (8th Grade)*

San Antonio, Texas

The Role of Tilapia Skin and UV Light on Tissue Regeneration and

Wound Healing

USTX13

Canyon Vista Middle School

Prayag Sreenivasan (7th Grade)

Austin, Texas

Analyzing Asymmetry in Human Locomotion to Improve Body Posture

Deerpark Middle School

Faith Larimore (8th Grade)

Austin, Texas

Plasma and Magnetic Confinement

Harmony School of Political Science and Communication

Abrar Rahman (6th Grade)

Austin, Texas

Smart Personnel Assistant

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USTX13 Pflugerville Middle School

Lamisa Mahmud (8th Grade)

Austin, Texas

The Effect of Milli-Quantities of Essential Oils on Drug-Resistant E. coli

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USTX50 Fort Settlement Middle School

Anisha Parsan (7th Grade)

Sugarland, Texas

Go with the Flow (GFLOW) — Real-Time Street Flood Prediction and

Warning System

Saint Matthew Catholic School

Paula Reilly (7th Grade)*

San Antonio, Texas

Biochemical and Physiologic Effects of Slime-Derived Gas Products

UTAH

USUT04 American Heritage School

Olivia Washburn (8th Grade)

Orem, Utah

THE NOISY NICU — There's a Cap for That

Summit Academy Jr. High-Bluffdale Independence

Aspen Delis (7th Grade)

Sandy, Utah

Does SPF Matter? An Analysis of SPF Effectiveness in Sunscreen Lotions

West Jordan Middle School

Jonathan LeBaron (7th Grade)

West Jordan, Utah Mind over Math

USUT05 American Preparatory Academy Draper 2

Huck Jones (8th Grade)

Salt Lake City, Utah

A Measurement of the Onset Time of the Occipital Alpha Rhythm Using a

Brain Computer Interface

Ensign Elementary School

Elizabeth Bennion (6th Grade)

Salt Lake City, Utah

Do Rich Cities Have Better Water?

USUT07 Bear River Charter School

Gary Zhan (8th Grade)

North Logan, Utah

The Colder, the Bluer — Significant Enhancement of Indigoidine Production

Using a Cold-Shock Inducible Promoter

USUT07 Mountain Logan Middle School

Camellia Yuan (8th Grade)

Providence, Utah

The Application of Sound Detection in Antiterrorism

Vernal Middle School

Kaylee Huber (7th Grade)

Vernal, Utah
Playing with Fire

VIRGINIA

USVA02 Ni River Middle School

Ryan Catullo (8th Grade)

Fredericksburg, Virginia

How the Collective Variation in Airfoil Height and Wing Weight Affect the

Amount of Lift Force Generated by Airplane Wings

Stafford Middle School

Michael Foley (8th Grade)

Stafford, Virginia

Utilizing Psychological Priming for the Purpose of Improving Test Scores

USVA11 George H. Moody Middle School

Cameron Sharma (8th Grade)

Glen Allen, Virginia

Was This Year's Flu Epidemic Preventable: Designing the Type A Flu Vaccine,

A Novel Computational Biology Approach

George H. Moody Middle School

Tatiana Vaniakin (8th Grade)

Richmond, Virginia

The Effect of Dominant and Non-Dominant Brain Stimulation on

Cognitive Skills

Short Pump Middle School

Alexander Coffman (8th Grade)

Glen Allen, Virginia

The Effect of Winglet Design on Weight of Aircraft Due to Lift and Drag

USVA12 Warrenton Middle School

Nathaniel Ribeiro (8th Grade)

Warrenton, Virginia

The Iron Chef System: The Essential Safety Cooking Accessories for

Every Home and Kitchen

USVA78 Edlin School

Ananya Yarlagadda (7th Grade)

Ashburn, Virginia

Predicting Gene Mutations that Could Cause Cystic Fibrosis

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WASHINGTON

USIL05 Quest Academy

Gabriella Lui (8th Grade)

Bellevue, Washington

Design a Fully Automated Real Time Presence Detection Safety System in a School Environment Using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

Technology

USWA01 Enterprise Middle School

Nikhita Bontha (8th Grade)*

Richland, Washington

Understanding the Efficacy of Off-the-Shelf Probiotics and Prebiotics on

the Gut Microbiome

USWA50 Homeschool

Cleah Winston (6th Grade)

Seattle, Washington

Investigating Cyber-Security in Autonomous Cars

International Community School

Audrey Gruian (8th Grade)

Sammamish, Washington

UVPDetect: Black Light and Computer Vision in a Novel Approach to the

Detection of Microplastics in Water

Jason Lee Middle School

Simmi Sen (6th Grade)

Vancouver, Washington

ColiClean - E. coli Water Filter

McMurray Middle School

Iris Bordman (8th Grade)

Vashon, Washington

WaTeaUV — Saving Trees and Lives

McMurray Middle School

Alyssa Hawkins (8th Grade)

Port Orchard, Washington

WaTeaUV - Saving Trees and Lives

Arhana Aatresh	7	Naisha Chowdhury	31
Jack Albright	7	Megan Clark	32
Jude Alexis	12	Kelly Clingan	12
Ciann Amalan	9	Alexander Coffman	34
David Anand	26	Maximilien Coisman	13
Kamran Ansari	4	Olivia Cole	24
Nadia Ansari	4	Antonio Cortijo Rodgers	12
Daniel Anthony	26	Madeleine Cotter	25
Kai Aravena	16	Austin Crouchley	25
Gauri Arora	27	Caroline Crouchley	25
Mahesh Arunachalam	5	Christian Custodio	14
Anjana Balachandar	14	Harsh Deep	11
Margaret Banks	23	Aspen Delis	35
Benjamin Barron	16	Adrian Derderian	6
Eleanor Barth-Wu	29	Khushi Desai	14
Maya Basu	9	Parth Desai	30
Elizabeth Bennion	33	Arunima Deval	28
Ella Berger	22	Heather Dinman	18
Harshal Bharatia	31	Anna Du	21
Sriram Bhimaraju	7	Zoey Duan	18
Irene Bhunia	19	Nylah Ductan	17
Tyler Bissoondial	25	John Duerk	23
Matthew Boelts	3	Jasmine Elasaad	6
Nikhita Bontha	35	Efe Eroz	21
Anvitha Boosani	24	John Benedict Estrada	5
Iris Bordman	35	James Fagan	10
Milana Breuninger	28	Kiera Fehr	20
Danielle Brooks	30	Alice Feng	8
Victor Cai	29	Michael Foley	34
Maria Calderon	29	Sirinya Frankel	12
Harrison Cameron	10	Sullivan French	30
Colin Campbell	15	Yahvin Gali	6
Lola Castorina	5	Rithvik Ganesh	31
Ryan Catullo	34	Shounak Ghosh	11
Chace Caven	14	Diya Godavarti	21
Kian Chakamian	6	Nathan Gomez	10
Emily Champion	5	Abigail Goodman	9
Maya Chandar	14	Jake Grigorian	5
Saanvi Chelikani	18	Roy Gross	9
Krishnakumar Chinnasamy	29	Audrey Gruian	35
Daniel Choi	20	Mihir Gupta	21

Saira Gupta	10	Kavin Kathir	13
Peyton Haddock	23	Isabelle Katz	9
Sarah Hansen	10	Adnan Khan	22
Georgia Hartley	12	Parisa Khashayar	4
Alyssa Hawkins	35	Spencer King	11
KYRA Henriques	16	Teaghan Knox	27
Benno Hermans	17	Kaz Kojima	27
Zachary Hessler	16	Krithi Koodli	8
Alexis Hopper	20	Walter Kotlinski	30
Timo Horn	16	Sophie Krajmalnik	31
Frank Horrigan	21	Kaylee Krininger	17
Charles Hou	31	Eeshwar Krishnan	29
Alexandra Houseworth	23	Daisy Kulina	24
Emily Hsi	4	Asmi Kumar	18
Kaylee Huber	34	Rohan Kumar	14
Daniel Hufnagle	28	Janani Kumaran	14
Claire Hughes	18	Sruthi Kurada	22
Emily Huitt	11	Christopher Kwok	10
Georgia Hutchinson	11	Nicholas Kwok	10
Braedyn Hutchison	12	Vivienne Lance	21
Andrei Iosifescu	25	Ayden Lapon	16
Ahmad Ismail	7	Faith Larimore	32
Fatimah Ismail	7	Jonathan LeBaron	33
Nikita Istratov	28	Gabriel Lerner-Sperow	13
Rishab Jain	28	Khalil Lindo	17
Vedant Janapaty	8	Stephen Litt	18
Michael Jang	25	Aidan Lok	25
William Jenkins	17	Lucero Long	16
Jeffrey Jiang	21	Gabriella Lui	35
Huck Jones	33	Thomas Lushington	19
Mihir Joshi	27	Alexis MacAvoy	10
Anusha Kadiyala	6	Varun Madan	15
Julian Kage	13	John Madland	27
Deepika Kannan	16	Hailey Mahadeen	16
Pooja Kannappan		Lamisa Mahmud	33
Shraman Kar	19	Mihir Manchikatla	5
Shreyas Kar	19	Darsh Mandera	28
Mithra Karamchedu		Atulya Mandyam	6
Nithika Karthikeyan		Clara Mangali	
Sahan Karunaratne		Yasmeen Mannan	
Sina Kassayan	11	Maansi Manoj	20

Carina Mariaca	15	Abrar Rahman	32
Victor Markhasin	32	Gayatri Rajan	27
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