

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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SPECIAL AWARDS: LOCAL

Presented by Dr. Troy Tonner, First-Year Engineering, 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

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 Burris 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 Shafer Carroll Middle
Elin Edwards Woodside Middle
Eeshaani Verma Hibberd Intermediate School

RICOH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Arha Kureti Carroll High School

NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION - TAKING THE PULSE OF THE PLANET AWARD

Arha Kureti Carroll High School

REGENERON

Achyut Ethiraj & Aditi Ethiraj Carroll High School

US METRIC ASSOCIATION certificate and membership

Achyut Ethiraj & Aditi Ethiraj Carroll High School

YALE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION certificate and medallion

Achyut Ethiraj & Aditi Ethiraj Carroll High School

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

Mathematical and Computer Sciences

Ishan Ramrakhiani Canterbury School

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

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 Shafer

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 Shafer	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