



# The OHIO ACADEMY of SCIENCE

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## 54 OHIO SCHOOLS AND 556 TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S THOMAS EDISON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION

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Dublin, OH (August 13, 2019) . . . **The Ohio Academy of Science** today selected **54** Ohio schools and **556** teachers to receive **The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research** for their accomplishments during the 2018-2019 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 opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. "These schools and teachers know that only teaching STEM from a textbook is not an option.", said Michael E. Woytek, the Academy's Executive Director. Woytek went on to say, "each of the awardees provides opportunities and experiences for hands-on learning and they clearly value inquiry-based, scientific research. Many of their students excel at District Science and State Science Day."

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**Ohio Schools and Teachers Receive Governor's Thomas Edison STEM Education Awards**  
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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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## 2019 Roster of Governor's Awards

CITY	SCHOOL	TEACHER
Akron	East Community Learning Center	Katie Marsh
		Alisa Gross-Dann
		Joan Gipson
		John Lengyel
		Jerrit J Ekama
		Zemoria Parnell
		Adrian Ellis
		Tracy Braho
		Rebecca Bettio
		Sonal Chandra
	National Inventor's Hall of Fame MS	Thomas Ely
		Michelle Hillier
		Mark Shannon
		Vera Rodgers
		Ray Wilkins
		Margaret Busker-Postlethwait
		Linda Olson
		Lori Mohler
		Carole Beck
		Felicia Campbell
	Firestone HS	Chelsea Nicolino
		Qing Liang
		Lesley Trendell
		Julie Demangeont
		Jason Reitz
		Jennifer Fillmore
		Katie Beal
		Donna Wojcik
		Susan Hall
		Elizabeth Bugner
		Christine Justiss-Simon
		Sherry Hankinson
		Ellen Beldean
National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM HS	Karen Brandt	
	Angica Weaver	
	Rachandra Decatur	
	Brett Beebe	
	Penny Porter	
	Christine Milcetich	
	Scott Westphal	
	Krista Bowden	
	Dan Spak	
	Shannon Kotradi	
Maginel Hipsley		
Akron	Josh Oldham	
	Catina Stecz	
	Monique Binkley	
	Theresa Gadomski	
	Alyssa Bridenthal	
Megan Houk		
Bill Metcalf		

Akron

National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM HS

Dina Popa  
Kay Dreslinski  
Matthew York  
Shane Dantz  
Christine Howard  
Jennifer Blankenship  
Selena Myers  
Kylie Kyser  
Maureen Popa  
Qing Liang  
Sammy Al-Doory  
Jeffrey Caranna  
Brody Rauschenberger  
Nate Cohen  
Krissa Reilly  
Katie Metcalf  
Ben Graber  
Mike Palumbo  
Tanner Hughes  
Sam Appleby  
Zach Griffith  
Alana Treen  
Brian Bennett  
Jun Chen

Miller South Visual & Performing Arts

Tina Lattimer  
Megan Houk  
Kate Krosse  
Tracey Visco  
Vanessa Roberts  
Karen Hazelett  
Neenah Bell  
Laura Feltman  
David Oravec  
Ruth Roope  
Laura Valenzza  
Mary Heffern  
Michelle Pillar  
Sue Vernon  
Al Rose  
Autumn Gaskins  
Jennifer Smee  
Betty Indriolo  
Cara Nestor  
Kelly Gupta  
Kristin DeKatch  
Megan Ritchie

St Sebastian

Bethany Frazer  
Jonathan Priest  
Beth Shenberger  
Audrey Hickinbotham  
Natalie Bell  
Jenny Davis  
Mackenzie Miller  
Jason Davis  
Sandy Gorenc  
Nancy Wild  
Meghan Namstnik  
Tera Cowdin

Ashland

Ashland Christian

Avon

Holy Trinity

Avon	Holy Trinity	Jennifer Hess Laura Waltos Sharon Lynch Sara Martin Jackie Powidel Matthew Hess Jean Spinazze
Bay Village	St Raphael	Amy Hoffmeister Lyndsay Moro Michelle Wise Carla Licastro Andrea Ruda
Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	Kyle Ferguson Nate Doolos Debi Schwieterman Lisa Bakita Allyson Geis Allie Bisignani Kim Lord Shelby Sigman Emily Cline Jennifer St. Pierre
Bidwell Brunswick	River Valley HS St Ambrose	J.P. Davis Amy Morgan Laurie Hamzik Wendy Parente
Chardon	St Mary	Mrs Edie Joyce Mrs Julie Fedak Mrs Sarah Allin
Chesterland	West Geauga HS	Mike Taurasi Stephanie Meyer Aly Ledman Kristin Gregory Alan Duncan Mike Sustin Janinie DiPronio Maria Gilmour Jenn Smith Jackie Skotzke Marisa Conte Courtney Mooney Shawna Michaels Toni Carr Julie Mailey Frank Shaffer Marisa Sensibello Anne Hribar Mary Fowler Reagan
Chillicothe	Unioto ES Bishop Flaget	Jenni Domo Linda Kerr Dianne Cryder Debbie Fyffe Christy Fay Terrina Fahnstock Natalie Byrd Julie Beatty Chelsea Irvin Mindy Martin

Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	Chrissy Kessler Courtney Maxwell Nancy Ames Tina Haller Carrie Hill Danielle McDaniel
Cincinnati	Anderson HS	Courtney Snider Holly Lowden Corey Larrison Jeff Rodriguez Jeff Granger Taylor Rose Justin Good Emily Dorsey David Brandon Troy Spitzmueller Louise Keep Leslie Porter Patrick Rehl Jon Spurlock Cathryn Lest Regina Goines Jolene Esz John Chadwell Mary Dennemann
	Archbishop McNicholas HS	Erin Berling Beth Brill Pete Hoying Caitlin Hickman Lindsay Burton Corey Mullins Carmen Venditto
	Turpin HS	Patty Rocco Jamie Stanzaske Karen Peterkoski Angela Guerrieri Rick Kaliszewski Jim Dichtl Terri Barlow Pam Wysocki Romy Petroff Deena Brennan Jennifer Muro Liane Pagan Sarah Balderson Cathy Edmonds
	Academy of St Bartholomew	Amy Schneider Deena Keller
Cleveland	Academy of St Bartholomew	Kari Shick Ela Winkler Stephanie Moran Ann Hoelzel Simont Masters Adelaide Landoll Samiha Iskander Maggie Mueller Ann Wojnar Mike Pettek
Cleveland Hts	Beaumont School	

Cleveland Hts

Beaumont School

Dayton

Carroll HS

Bishop Leibold E & W Campus

Elyria

St Jude

Gretchen Santo  
Tara Limestoll  
Diane Keller  
Katie Baker  
Martha Carter  
Laurie Fuhr  
Christina O'Malley  
Mary Ollier  
Todd Tayloe  
Caroline Dickey  
Laura Wright  
Rachel Furlong  
Becky Kondritz  
Joanna Freshwater  
Emily King  
Britany Ravestein  
Annette Dickerson  
Jill Klimaski  
Jen Schwertman  
Chris Kemper  
Eric DiMario  
Judy White  
Melissa Thomas  
Kylee Koger  
Sarah Brashears  
Sarah Lesiak  
Stephanie Gosser  
Beth Allaire  
Elise Myers  
John Betts  
Jen Rowe  
Jessica Pardee  
Monica Mekus  
Molly Hibler  
Doug Hopiard  
Kathy Tollett  
Jenny Perrins  
Chrysa Muenchausen  
Cindy Griffiths  
Diana Kirkpatrick  
Alan George  
Colleen Frank  
Eric Kasper  
Mary Huck  
Katherine Smith  
Andrea Zacharias  
Meg Milchen  
Meghan Schmul  
Tanya Pallardy  
Mary Jane Leonowich  
Jackie Davis  
Cassie Zacharias  
Susan Machovina  
Aubrey Robertson  
Emily Royski  
Steffany Congelio  
Mary Primm  
Kasey Puskas

Elyria St Jude  
Gates Mills St Francis Of Assisi

Holly Arra  
Mike Kriesen  
Gina Biats  
Maureen Kilroy  
Therese Barrett  
Linda Favorite  
Kristen Dahlhofer  
Linda Adams  
Shannon Hansel  
Nicol Drucker  
Cindy D'Alessandro  
Robin Zullo  
Nichole Luff  
Susan Previte  
Teresa Tromba  
Susan Stricker  
Liz Keil  
Mary Kay O'Malley  
Suzanne Valenti  
Ann-Marie Camputaro  
Donna Flynt  
Ryann Sefcik  
Peggy Hyland  
Susan Herman  
Eileen Dragon  
Nicole Turk  
Anne Markijohn  
Brian Belconis  
John Barbo  
Wendy Booth  
Evamarie Mickol  
Michelle Kitko  
Joanne McMurdo  
Kristen Polantz-Miller  
Mary Curtis  
Denise Meeks  
Carrie Hanus  
Maira Popelka  
Holly Herald  
Vera Marti  
Elizabeth Krogman  
Kathy Baka  
Sheila Klepcyk  
Anna Peko  
Iryna Kulick  
Diane Raguz  
Stephanie Leffler  
Michele Longano  
Elizabeth Uzzo  
Kristian Martinson  
Michael Thuente  
Jaclyn Helt  
Randy Reeder  
Heidi Cuticchia  
Debbie Portman  
Jack Andersen  
Chris Untener  
Michelle Popp

Geneva Geneva HS

Highland Heights St Paschal Baylon

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Kettering Archbishop Alter HS



Kettering	Archbishop Alter HS	Jim Zimmerman Michelle Denney
Lancaster	St Mary Fairfield Christian Academy	Jennifer Butler Anita Yaple Chris Hawks Stacey Rauch Mark Bowers Kelli Frye David Albert Dale White Melissa Albert Cynthia Rogers Kelly Pevec Cathy Barthelmas Amber Farmer Barry Garrett Brenda Fischer Jennifer Lach Stacie Hopple Teresa Seaman
Liberty Twp	Mother Teresa Catholic	Karen Geiger Nikki Stewart Lauren Austin Amanda Ocariz
Medina	St Francis Xavier	Jill Hudak Mary McAllister Jane Unsdorfer Pam Bugner Amy Evrard Ryan Jakubczak Laura Chomanics Patty Cathcart Gideon Nocero Stephanie Novicky Kathy Jo Fronk Stephanie Baker Nathan Stewart Cindy Gerity Kelly Harmon Christina Bresnahan Christa Borling Sarah Alfano Amanda Plute - Schlitter
Miamisburg	Dayton Christian School	Alisha Zakri Mallory Fischer Tim Minor
N Ridgeville	St Peter	Beth Ann Rohrer Meg Harasym Janis Van Dyke Ann Marie Hice Donna Stano Donna Krupka Nicole Pozega Niki Sherman Eileen Geiger Holly Trampush Roger Brooks Becky Essenmacher

N Ridgeville  
N Royalton

St Peter  
St Albert The Great

Andrea Byrne  
Theresa Basch  
Cheryl Anderle  
Janice Massey  
Carri Metcalfe  
Jeff Stanowick  
Peggy Powe  
Jessica Finn  
Elizabeth Haas  
Ann Graber  
Jennifer Rolinc  
Kelly Beskid  
Gina Bizyak  
Amanda Blake  
Caroline Halle  
Christina Budas  
Jodi Meinberg  
Kathy Beskid  
Sandy Lepi  
Andrea Moore

Ottawa Hills

Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior HS

Michelle O'Malley  
Brooks Spiess  
Paul Genzman  
Mary Kate Hafemann  
Jeremy Nixon  
Anthony Torio  
Diane Drabek  
Dan Feuerstein  
Nicole Silvers  
Patty Dowd  
Joan Keckler  
Tim Adkins  
Michael Leeds  
Gerry Davis

Parma Hts

Incarnate Word Academy

Megan Klufas  
Claire Kovacs  
Kara O'Rourke  
Karen Micheli  
Cynthia Rossman  
Mary Beth Schram  
Crystal Whipkey

Salem

St Paul

David Pancurak  
Cindy Staudt  
Rebecca Cuff  
Sue Sowa  
Eric Buckingham  
Misty Dietrich  
Jennifer Gillis  
Clara Tolson  
Jacqueline Mumford

Sidney

Lehman Catholic HS

Bryn Zellers  
Kevin Cameron  
Tracy Hall  
Denny Maas  
S. Ginny Scherer  
Leah Bertke  
Gwen Stiver  
Carrie O'Leary

Holy Angels

Sidney Solon	Holy Angels St Rita	Tony Wagner Christina Bohning Michelle Czernek Barbara Wilson Matthew Richards Lori Foster Heather Bianco
St Clairsville	East Richland Christian School	Kama Martin Linda Yourko Brian Yourko Aaron Mostia Juanita Roxby Susan Morgan Jessica Crumm Kari Yockey Jane Powell Travis McKinley
Steubenville	Bishop John King Mussio Central JS	Meagan Pirro Julie Gonzalez Sandy Morelli
Strongsville Sunbury	Sts Joseph & John Interparochial Big Walnut Intermediate	Deb Vandasik Mike Stone Mike Wion Megan Massingill Bob Keep Rina Hoge Wendy Austin Casey Wright
Tipp City	L T Ball Intermediate ES	Angela Mack Deb Haas Carmella Lammers Susan Clodfelter Kem Fischer Amanda Jessup Beth Hanes Brad Koopman Dale Bonifas Karl Stanbery Carmella Lammers Molly Sanders Abbi Hohenstein Cassie Schoch Curt Earl
Warsaw Westerville Wooster	Warsaw ES Oakstone Academy St Mary Immaculate Conception	Dawn Justice Entire staff Dylan Crawford Darryl Woods
Worthington	Wilson Hill ES	Laura Swabb Matt Kamalsky Sara Quart Kelly Cox Brian Lord Sarah Federanko
	Thomas Worthington HS Kilbourne MS	