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OAS NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2019, PART I

Dear Members, Friends and Volunteers:

State Science Day is about to turn 71 years old! This means it's time to celebrate the practice of science and the application of building prototype solutions by honoring Ohio's student in grades 5-12 for researching answers to their questions, and for sharing their results. State Science Day is "the granddaddy of them all". State Science Day 2019 will once again be held on the venerable campus that is, The Ohio State University. Brutus the Buckeye is expected to make an appearance at the awards ceremony!

I know where I'll be on Saturday, May 11th

STATE SCIENCE DAY 2019

State Science Day will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Approximately, 1,100 students will compete for nearly \$500,000 in sponsored awards and scholarship.



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Among State Science Day's most prestigious awards are the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards, which are supported through a grant from the Ohio Development Services Agency (Technology Division)

State Science Day is a state-wide affiliated fair for Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology, Engineering for Rising Stars). The top 10% of State Science Day's middle school students, will have the opportunity to be included into one of the nations most prestigious STEM competitions.

In 2018, State Science Day student's Regan Sharp (St. Columban School - Loveland) and John Shin (Birchwood School - Cleveland) both were both selected into the prestigious Broadcom MASTERS Top 300.

[SCHEDULE FOR STATE SCIENCE DAY](#)

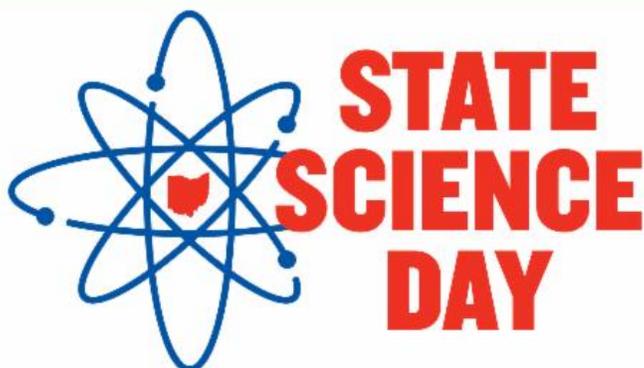
SPONSORSHIP FOR STATE SCIENCE DAY

State Science Day is made possible through the generous support of our Title Sponsors.

They include The Ohio State University, AEP Foundation, Battelle, CAS, Charles River, College Advantage 529 Savings Program, Ethicon, and the Ohio EPA - Ohio Environmental Education Fund. In addition to their financial support, each of these sponsors also provides a great number of judges and volunteers. Thank you for helping us develop this pipeline of STEM talent.

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REGISTER AS A JUDGE OR VOLUNTEER

Many judges at State Science Day have 30+ years experience and we are grateful for their many years of service. There has to be a reason they're "hooked" on State Science Day. Largely, experienced judges allow themselves to enjoy listening to the discoveries being made by curious, ambitious, and enthusiastic young scientists and engineers.

If you are thinking about judging for the first time, you are not required to produce a CV, submit an application subject to peer-review, or sing your college's fight song at the judges orientation. Simply come with an open mind and a good attitude for putting young people at ease and giving them the opportunity to shine. You will be provided with an exceptional tutorial by Angie McMurry, (OAS Junior Academy Council Member and Science Curriculum

Coordinator) and be paired with an experienced judging partner.

So, if judging experience is not a requirement, who should consider volunteering as a judge at State Science Day? At a minimum, college juniors and above with concentrated studies in the sciences or engineering, and preferably those with inquiry-based research experience (State Science Day alumni make fabulous judges). Historically, State Science Day seems to always have a cadre of scientific and engineering professionals with advanced degrees, and we strongly encourage these professional to lend their expertise.

We need judges with experience across a broad section of categories, among the those areas of greatest need are:

Behavioral and Social Sciences
Biomedical and Health Sciences
Chemistry
Earth and Environmental Sciences
Engineering Mechanics
Microbiology
Plant Sciences



2018 SSD Judge's Orientation

[REGISTER TO JUDGE AT STATE SCIENCE DAY 2019](#)

Perhaps you prefer to be involved behind the scenes. There are numerous opportunities to work as a volunteer. This include helping with judges registration, data entry, general office work, and most importantly, moving information the old fashioned way, by foot.

THE OHIO TUITION TRUST AUTHORITY - COLLEGE ADVANTAGE 529 AWARDS



Pictured above, Kayla Fallis (Bath MS-Lima) receives her College Advantage 529 Award from Judy Cunningham, Public Relations and Community Outreach Manager for The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority

The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority will once again be both Title Sponsor, and sponsor to The College Advantage 529 Awards. The OAS is fortunate to offer these awards at each District Science Day and at State Science Day. In 2019, 46 students will be awarded a total of \$21,000. The students will receive their award through a funded Ohio 529 Saving Plan.

Thanks again to the OTTA for making college more affordable and for paving a bright future for Ohio's STEM students.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT OHIO'S 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPONSORED AWARDS

Student recognition through sponsored scholarships and awards has always been an important part of State Science Day. New sponsored awards for SSD 2019 are being provided by Columbia Gas of Ohio and the The Mannik & Smith Group

Thank you to all of our sponsored award providers for making these opportunities available at State Science Day.

[LIST OF SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS](#)

EXHIBIT TABLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR SSD 2019

Would you like to reach a target audience of students, parents, and community volunteers to promote your STEM programs, outreach efforts, or just create more exposure for your organization? Then set-up an exhibit table at State Science Day 2019. There is room for 4-5 six foot exhibit tables. The cost is only \$250 per table.

For more information please call 614-389-2182 or email info@ohiosci.org



If you are interested in State Science Day as a general sponsor, or have an idea for a new award to support your profession, industry, or institution, please call 614-389-2182 or email info@ohiosci.org to discuss the possibilities for 2020. It's never too early to make a plan of action!

Please forward this email to any of your colleagues that may be interested in the Academy and its programs.

Sincerely,

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