

**Connecticut Science Fair Quinnipiac University** 

Special Award Winners

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All special award winners are required to attend the awards ceremony on Saturday. Be sure to acknowledge by going to the **CHECK-IN** page.

Avon Talcott Mountain Academy Tom Noonan				
2509 L8 Do Ambient Temperatures Affect Bat Mortality?				
Student(s) Gwynne Domashinski	Grade 8	Town	West Suffield	
Bethel Bethel High School Sharon Bly				
6025 PS Methods of Cleaning up an Oil Spill				
Student(s) Elizabeth Locke	Grade 10	Town	Bethel	
Bethel Bethel Middle School Mr. Reynolds				
4029 PT How Does Combining Metals Lead to Rust Development				
Student(s) Jessica MacIntyre	Grade 7	Town	Bethel	
Kallan Hook	Grade 7	Town	Bethel	
Bozrah Fields Memorial School Mrs. E. Brown				
5532 P8 Greener Cleaner? Testing the Level of Phosphates in Everyda	ay Cleaners			
Student(s) Megan Lavallee	Grade 8	Town	Bozrah	
Bozrah Fields Memorial School Mrs. E Brown				
5021 P7 What variables affect the grasp efficiency of a robotic arm?				
Student(s) Emily O'Connor	Grade 7	Town	Bozrah	
Bozrah Fields Memorial School Mrs. E Brown				
2534 L8 Password Security				
Student(s) Connor Provost	Grade 8	Town	Bozrah	
Bozrah Fields Memorial School Mrs. E Brown				
2503 L8 Teredo Navalis - A Population Density Study				
Student(s) Nicholas Tatro	Grade 8	Town	Bozrah	
Bridgeport Bridgeport Aquaculture School Mr. Shadle				
6031 PS The Investigation of the Role of Methylating Bacteria in the Rei	introduction C	f Mercu	ry into Long Island Sound	
Student(s) Allison Haley	Grade 12	Town	Shelton	
Bridgeport John Winthrop School Mr. Walsh				
2530 L8 GMO or no GMO				
Student(s) Timothy Graham	Grade 8	Town	Bridgeport	
Bridgeport Park City Prep Charter School Mrs. Vicky Boudreau				
5006 P7 Are some magnetic materials more temperature dependent that	an others?			
Student(s) Chancelle Negron	Grade 7	Town	Bridgeport	
Danbury Danbury High School Mr. LaRosa				
3084 LS The Biological Control of Zebra Mussels Using the Marine Natural Product Aaptamine.				
Student(s) Janine Kerr	Grade 9	Town	Danbury	

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[Proj#] [FCat] [Project Title] Danbury St. Joseph School Mrs. Page 2030 L7 How Does Caffeine Effect the Heart Student(s) Wes Gannon Grade 7 Town Danbury Danbury St. Joseph School Mrs. Page 5005 P7 Designing an Effective Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells Student(s) Martha Haddad Grade 7 Town Danbury Danbury St. Joseph School Mrs. Page 5032 P7 Ocean Wave and Tide Energy Project Town Brookfield Student(s) James Parris Grade 7 Danbury St. Peter-Sacred Heart Upper School Dr. Greg Capone P8 Making Wind Turbines Quieter and More Efficient Student(s) Sarah Eriksson Grade 8 Town Naugatuck East Granby East Granby Middle School Mr. Langan 5039 P7 How Much Vitamin C Is In An Orange Student(s) Jolie Berger Grade 7 Town East Granby East Granby East Granby Middle School Mr.Langan 2016 L7 Rain...Runoff...Ramifications? Student(s) Jonathan Kelly Grade 7 Town East Granby Fairfield Fairfield College Preparatory School Dr. Lewis 6008 PS Novel Fiber Optic Dye Sensitized Solar Cell Aided by the Biosynthesis of Diatom Frustules Town Trumbull Student(s) Kyle Ryan Grade 11 Fairfield Fairfield Warde High School Andrew Bramante 6045 PS A Hidden Treasure; Dehumidification of Air Improves Indoor Air Quality Student(s) Sofia Bramante Grade 10 Town Fairfield Fairfield Our Lady of the Assumption School Mrs. Kathy Almeida 5524 P8 Do Brightly Colored Roofs Reduce Thermal Radiation? Student(s) Patrick Agonito Grade 8 Town Fairfield Fairfield Our Lady of the Assumption School Kathy Almeida 2540 L8 The Effects of De-Icing Salts and Chemical Compounds on Adiantum pedatum Student(s) Amanda Gerstenfeld Grade 8 Town Fairfield Fishers Island Fishers Island School Carol Giles LS The Effect of Dance on Mood and Mental Acuity Student(s) Katie McCarthy Grade 11 **Town** North Stonington Forestville St. Matthew School Danielle Ricci 2537 L8 Make a Mummy Out of Me Student(s) George Pittman Grade 8 Town Bristol Glastonbury Smith Middle School Mr. Falcigno 5528 P8 On the Application of Electrochemical Double Layer Capacitors Student(s) Paul Han Grade 8 **Town** Glastonbury

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Greenwich Greenwich High School Andrew Bramante			
3070 LS Non-Invasive Dissipation of 2,4-D Pesticide in Standing Water	Using Iris Ve	rsicolor	
Student(s) Anne Merrill	Grade 10	Town	Old Greenwich
Greenwich Greenwich High School Andrew Bramante			
6032 PS Design of a Smart Brick with Improved Insulation and Intuitive	Reflection of	Sunligh	
Student(s) Lindsey Noskin	Grade 11	Town	Greenwich
Guilford Guilford High School Mr. Cuddy			
3032 LS EMDR:Successfully Treating PTSD			
Student(s) Allison Breeze	Grade 9	Town	Guilford
Guilford Guilford High School Mr. Cuddy			
6036 PS Finding the Perfect Basketball Shot			
Student(s) Alyssa Devin	Grade 9	Town	Guilford
Guilford Guilford High School Mr. Curtis			
3022 LS The Effect of Sodium Chloride on Heart Rate			
Student(s) Luke Malinowski	Grade 9	Town	Guilford
Hamden Hamden High School Sonia Beloin			
3061 LS Role of MyD88 in DNA Damage Response			
Student(s) Yiyuan Hu	Grade 12	Town	Hamden
Hamden Hamden High School Sonia Beloin			
3093 LS Are High School Band Students at Risk for Hearing Damage?			
Student(s) Jacob Zavatone-Veth	Grade 9	Town	Hamden
Hamden Sacred Heart Academy Dr. Christophy			
[6524] PST The Toxic Truth About Paint: The Effects of VOCs on Paint Quantum Paint P	uality		
Student(s) Emma Dragan	Grade 10	Town	Orange
Sienna DeMaio	Grade 10	Town	Bethany
Hamden Sacred Heart Academy Dr. Elizabeth Christophy			
A Study of "Ebb and Flo" Aquaponics as the Most Effective Grind Hydroponic and an Organic, Soil-Based, Growing System	rowing Syster	n for Ro	maine Lettuce as Compared to a
Student(s) Olivia Kelly	Grade 10	Town	Shelton
Hartford Classical Magnet School Ms.Paula Koenig			
5044 P7 Aerodynamics			
Student(s) Holly Weldon	Grade 7	Town	South Windam
Hartford Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy Mrs. Penny Parmelee			
5533 P8 Fermi Action			
Student(s) Maya Ernest	Grade 8	Town	Windsor
Hartford Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy Mrs.Parmelee			
5549 P8 Rust Above The Rest			
Student(s) Kevin Paradis	Grade 8	Town	East Harford

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New Haven Worthington Hooker Middle School Douglas Jones			
2033 L7 The Clean Water Project			
Student(s) Yogasai Gazula	Grade 7	Town	New Haven
Newtown St. Rose of Lima School Mrs. Dimon			
5025 P7 The Investigation of the Presence of Caffeine in Grounds	water and Sewage		
Student(s) Grace Herrick	Grade 7	Town	Sandy Hook
Newtown St. Rose of Lima School Mrs. Marde Dimon			
1012 LT The Effect of Electromagnetic Fields on Scenedesmus A	lgae Cells		
Student(s) Katerina Ringes	Grade 8	Town	Sandy Hook
Marina Renzi	Grade 8	Town	Newtown
Norwalk The Montessori Middle School Carolyn Ogden-Stenerson			
5521 P8 Experimental Evaluation of Techniques for Protecting Us	sers from Malware	Attacks	
Student(s) Samyukt Kumar	Grade 8	Town	Stamford
Norwalk The Montessori Middle School Carolyn Stenerson			
2023 L7 Hydroponic Tomatoes			
Student(s) Olivia Pritchard	Grade 7	Town	Fairfield
Norwalk West Rocks Middle School Sue Delong			
2506 L8 Balance			
Student(s) Vivain Conley	Grade 8	Town	Norwalk
Norwich Norwich Free Academy Mrs. Jones			
[6016] PS Utilizing a Robotic Turning Mechanism to Focus on the S Water Heating System	Sun in Order to Max	kimize th	e Efficiency of a Parabolic Trough
Student(s) Remington Carle	Grade 11	Town	Norwich
Orange Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy Mrs. Howell			
4010 PT Analysis and Bioavailability of Chemical Dyes Versus Na	atural Dyes with the	ir Antiox	ridant Benefits.
Student(s) Chana Piekarski	Grade 7	Town	Hamden
Esther Caroline	Grade 7	Town	New Haven
Orange Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy Mrs. Karen Howell			
2543 L8 Phytoremediation: Removal of metal pollutants from con	ntaminated soil and	effect o	f chelators
Student(s) Alex Russell	Grade 8	Town	New Haven
Orange Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy Karen J Howell			
2507 L8 Analysis of Local Watershed and River Contaminated Se	ediments, and Effec	ct on Riv	er and Long Island Sound Waters
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Student(s) Hadassah Sessel	Grade 8	Town	Orange
Pawcatuck St. Michael School Mr. DeNoia	Grade 8	Town	Orange
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Pawcatuck St. Michael School Mr. DeNoia	Grade 8  Grade 7		Stonington

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[SchTown] [School] [Teacher] [Proj#] [FCat] [Project Title] Stafford Springs St. Edward School Mrs. Napolitano 5509 P8 Digital Pinhole Cameras and the Effect of Aperture Size on Image Sharpness Student(s) Amy Agro Grade 8 Town Somers Stafford Springs St. Edward School Mrs. Donna Napolitano 5519 P8 Flammability and Fabric Softener Student(s) Lindsay Albert Grade 8 Town Stafford Springs Storrs E. O. Smith High School Jon Swanson 3017 LS Determination of evolutionary relationships among coral species by comparison of nuclear and mitochondrial DNA Student(s) Jonas Burkhard Grade 10 Town Mansfield Center Storrs E. O. Smith High School Robert Pirrie 6026 PS Membranes for Biochemical Separations Student(s) Paula Chen Grade 11 Town Storrs Stratford Harry B. Flood Middle School Mr. Gorski 4016 PT Linear Accelerator Town Stratford Student(s) Chris Kovach Grade 8 **Dhruva Chagi** Grade 8 Town Stratford Stratford St. Mark School Phillip Flynn P7 Go With The Flow: Applying Darcy's Law to the Flow of Groundwater Student(s) Gabriella Larizza Grade 7 Town Stratford Stratford St. Mark School Mr. Flynn P8 Measuring the Speed of Light Using a Microwave 5523 Student(s) Cheyenne Perez Grade 8 Town Stratford Stratford St. Mark School Mr. Phil Flynn P7 A Bright Idea: Comparing the Efficiency of Incandescent, CFL, and LED Light Bulbs 5022 Student(s) Megan Robertson Grade 7 Town Stratford Trumbull Christian Heritage School Mrs. Oshin 4022 PT How do acids effect cupcake size? Student(s) Lindsey Augustin Grade 8 Town Stratford Josie Bentlage Grade 8 Town Shelton Trumbull Christian Heritage School Dan Cote PS The general equation of the sum of power series Student(s) Xiaofei Yu Grade 11 Town Shelton Watertown The Taft School Mr. Michael McAloon

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Alzheimer's Disease Patients

Student(s) Xinhe Zheng

From Shape Recognition to Multi-Calculus Thinking: Study of Geometric Perception and Spatial Cognition in Early

Grade 11

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Woodbridge Amity Regional High School Deborah Day

6006 PS Effect of Indexing String Length On Speed and Memory Usage for Digital Karyotyping Query Algorithms

Student(s) Jordan Henck Grade 11 Town Woodbridge

Woodbridge Amity Regional High School Deborah Day

6030 PS Significance of Supernovae on Nearby Near-Supernova White Dwarves

Student(s) Ehsan Khan Grade 11 Town Bethany