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### **45 OHIO SCHOOLS AND 460 TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S THOMAS EDISON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION**

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Columbus (September 14, 2016) . . . The Ohio Academy of Science today selected **45** Ohio schools and **460** teachers to receive Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education for their accomplishments during the 2015-2016 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 20 or more students, (2) qualify one or more of these students for one of the Academy's 16 district science days, (3) have students participate in at least one more youth science opportunity beyond the classroom such as State Science Day, visits to museums, mentorship programs and extended field trips and (4) convince external professionals from STEM business and industry, government and academia employers how and to what extent the school's program met the Academy's definition of STEM education.

First established in 1985, the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards recognizes Ohio schools and teachers who stimulate student scientific research and technological design and extend opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. Students must participate in one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom, including District and State Science Day, Believe in Ohio, Invention Convention, The Ohio Academy of Science Annual Meeting, Buckeye Science and Engineering, Science Olympiad and other structured STEM-related youth activities. "These schools and teachers push the boundaries of the traditional classroom by advising and mentoring student originated research and other hands-on experiences", said Michael E. Woytek, the Academy's Interim-CEO.

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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 who stimulate student scientific and technological research and extend STEM education opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. The Technology Division of The Ohio Development Services Agency has supported this program since 1985 by grants to The Ohio Academy of Science.

Forty-three professionals — broadly representing STEM employers from business and industry, government and academia — evaluated the applications in a blind review process: Abbott Laboratories, AEP Ohio, Battelle, Case Western Reserve University, Central State University, Chamberlain College of Nursing, Cleveland State University, DeVry University, Dinsmore & Shore LLP, Lake County ESC, Mother Teresa Catholic ES, NEOMED, Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Dominican University, Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University, OSU Wexner Medical Center, Ottawa Hills HS, Otterbein University, Proctor & Gamble, Purdue University, St. Mary School, Seton Catholic School, State of Ohio, TRC, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Dept. of Energy, U.S. Geological Survey, University of Cincinnati, University of Findlay, Wright Patterson AFB

### About The Ohio Academy of Science

The Ohio Academy of Science is the leading organization in Ohio to foster curiosity, discovery, innovation, and problem-solving skills. <http://www.ohiosci.org>

#### Editor's notes:

- STEM is science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- Here is the Academy's definition of STEM education:
  - STEM Education is 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.
- Background on Next-Generation Science Education Standards: <http://www.nextgenscience.org/>
- A roster of awardees follows.

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### Roster of Governor's Awards

CITY	SCHOOL	TEACHER	
Akron	Buchtel HS	Martha Godward	
		Janice Thurman	
		Dana Starvaggi	
		Jon Stafford	
		Suzanne Leyerle	
		Rebecca Butler	
		Terence Wise	
		Elizabeth Mullen	
		Leeda Shokalook	
		Lynn Webb	
		Logan Siegle	
		Julia Grabosky	
		Kristi Nelson	
		Elizabeth Terrill	
		Meredith Cole	
		Colin Grindall	
		Michael Sienerth	
		Sheila Gauvreu	
		East Community Learning Center	Lori Mohler
			Jerrit Ekama
Rita Kapusinski			
Carole Beck			
Michelle Hillier			
Joan Gipson			
Katie Marsh			
John Lengyel			
Rachel Dalton			
Alisa Gross-Dann			
Linda Olson			
Margaret Busker-Postlethwait			
Vera Rodgers			
Mark Shannon			
Adrian Ellis			
William Stone			
Tracy Braho			
Zemoria Parnell			
Garfield HS	David Skelly		
	Joe Greico		
	Karen Rummell		

<b>CITY</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
	Garfield HS	Steve Carter
		Lois Gardner
		Steve Kemp
		Chris Box
		Monique Binkley
	Litchfield MS	Lisa Cerosky
		Charlene Panovich
		Charles Landry
		Steven Staszak
		Jeffrey Lysiak
		Mary Gill
		Maurice Jackson
		Kristin Parker
		Jacquelyn Henry
		Christine Paskett
		Penny Pletikapich
		Jenny Jurkovic
		Morgan Greene
		Linda Tedesco
		Ruth Sonntag
		Jefferson Whited
		Robbie Connalley
		Angela Krismer
		Tiffany Lundy-Martin
	Miller South Perf Visual & Arts School	Shannon Kotradi
		Laura Valendza
		Laura Feltman
		Ilene Zackaroff
		Vanessa Roberts
		Megan Houk
		Tina Lattimer
		Katherine Buckley
		Karen Hazelett
	National Inventor's Hall of Fame School	Julie Demangeont
		Perkins Pringle
		Jason Reitz
		Elizabeth Bugner
		Felicia Campbell
		Lesley Trendell
		Kallie Winters

CITY	SCHOOL	TEACHER
	National Inventor's Hall of Fame School	Donna Wojcik
		Katie Beal
		Laura Kovach
		Brent Beebe
		Diane Pancoe
		Rachandra Decatur
		Ed Garcia
		Sherry Hankinson
		Angica Weaver
		Juwana Lane
		Ellen Beldean
		Chelsea Nicolino
		Karen Brandt
		Christine Justiss-Simon
		Julienne Hogarth
		Sam Crews
	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM HS	Larry Johnson
		Zach Griffith
		Alana Treen
		Maureen Popa
		Jun Chen
		Aaron Merz
		Kim Shama-Hanna
		Nate Cohen
		Bill Metcalf
		Jennifer Lewis
		Tanner Hughes
		Ben Graber
		Krissa Duhon
		Sam Appleby
		Katie Metcalf
		Dina Popa
		Christine Howard
		Susan Hall
		Cassandra Hanna
		Matthew York
		Sharon Kaffen
		Alyssa Bridenthal
		Brody Rauschenberger
		Megan Houk

<b>CITY</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
	National Inventor's Hall of Fame STEM HS	Kay Dreslinski
		Brian Bennett
		Mike Palumbo
	North HS	Khiejana Sims
		Jen Lyle
		Brian Zilla
		Janet Parker
		Michael Laktash
		Tricia Kelly
		Bill Alkire
		Rick Englehart
		Kelly Dine
		Tony Zawahri
		Okena Winters
	Roswell Kent MS	Dolores Whaley
		Ryan Canavan
		Kelly Ryan
		Laura Williams
		Kris Johnson
		Nicole Wise
		Angela Marshall
		Robert Mahaney
		Jodi Miller
		Connie Duff
		Lori Jarosz
		Steven Frantz
		Tammy Snyder
		Brian Jackson
		Judith Jansen
		Warren Hackett
Anna	Anna HS	Scott Swartz
		Dixie Durkee
		Dona Furrow
		Vicki Quinter
Athens	Athens MS	Jonathan Sargent
		Kimberly Shuster
		Nathan White
		Mary Ann Hopple
		Stephanie List
		April Stewart

<b>CITY</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
	Athens MS	Ellen Kroutel
Bay Village	St Raphael	Andrea Ruda
		Lydsay Moro
		Michelle Wise
		Carla Licastro
Bellbrook	Bellbrook MS	Kyle Ferguson
		Allison Bisignani
		Kim Lord
		Cathy St Pierre
Berea	St Adalbert	Meg Godlewski
		Lisa Bates
		Jennifer Schwartz
		George Mitchell
		Laura Eizember
		Tonya Farran
		Joann Henry
		Sue Caroscio
		Amy Stephens
Canton	Oakwood MS	Ed Keoshian
		John Spondyl
		Scott Laughman
		Michelle Hahn
		Ashley Kessler
		Carol Raff
		Charles Julian
		Brian Richeson
		Paul Cotton
		Whitney Gallina
		Vanessa Board
		Laura Clear
		Lauren Sturiale
		Chris Donohue
		Laura Schmidt
		Annalisa Anderson
		Mike Roberts
		Allyson Sederland
		David Limbaugh
		Beth Waseity
		Sarah Pendelton
		Allen Meffan

<b>CITY</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
Chardon	St Mary	Kathy Lyons
		Meg Pawar
		Jenny Rodriguez
		Julie Fedak
		Amber Yeager
		Theresa Merkle
Chesterland	West Geauga HS	Sandy Kulp
		Mike Taurasi
		Stephanie Meyer
		Scott Raines
		Brian Spotts
		Mike Sustin
		Kristin Gregory
		Aly Ledman
		Natalie Cooper
Chillicothe	Bishop Flaget	Barb Nowlin
		Dianne Cryder
		Julie Beatty
		Laura Corcoran
		Danielle McDaniel
		Carrie Hill
		Hillery Kennedy
		Terrina Fahnstock
		Debbie Fyffe
		Christina Kessler
	Zane Trace HS	Jason Clark
		John Scott
Cincinnati	Anderson HS	Dave Brandon
		Justin Good
		Jeffrey Rodriguez
		Krista Willertz
		Courtney Snider
		Troy Spitzmueller
		Louise Keep
		Harvey Stansell
		Holly Lowden
		Jeff Granger
		Corey Larrison
		Emily Dorsey
	Archbishop McNicholas HS	John Chadwell



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	Archbishop McNicholas HS	Deborah Bonekamp
		Jonathan Spurlock
		Cathryn Lest
		Regina Goines
		Jolene Esz
		Mary Dennemann
	Turpin HS	Corey Mullins
		Lindsay Camm
		Erin Berling
		Caitlin Holmes
		Carmen Venditto
		Peter Hoying
Cleveland Hts	Beaumont School	Samaha Iskander
		Stephanie Moran
		Ela Winkler
		Yvonne Schiffer
		Adelaide Landoll
		Soma Chakravarti
		Ann Wojnar
		Gretchen Santo
		Rebeka DeChant
		Simon Masters
Dayton	Bishop Leibold E & W Campus	Elise Myers
		Becky Kondritz
		Becky Cornett
		Sarah Brashears
		Melissa Cox
		Cheryl Fahrig
		Joyce Kerschner
		Beth Allaire
		Linda Hallinan
		Jen Schwertman
		Nancy Jeanmougin
		Eric DiMario
		Jill Klimaski
		Chris Kemper
		Chris McGeady
		Stephanie Gosser
	Carroll HS	Rick Schaefer
		Martha Carter

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	Carroll HS	Laurie Fuhr
		Andy Farrell
		Mary Ollier
		Todd Tayloe
		Mike Lakin
		Diane Keller
		Laura Wright
		Chrissy O'Malley
		Caroline Metosh-Dickey
	Thurgood Marshall HS	Margaret Gorby
		Sheri Moss
		Christopher Perkins
		Marquetta Rowan
		Jose Jones
		Nikol Boddie
		Sharon Goins
		Vilo Westwood
		Nicole Gunder
		Drake Gastineau
		Stacia Burlong
		Linda Munka
		Elbert Seard
		Lee Benson
		Laura Smith
		Mary McKnight
		Linda Stover
		Eva Rubin de Celis
		John Ciprian
		Kurtz Miller
		Glenda Konecheny
		Henry Noble
		Scott Cornell
Elyria	St Jude	Kathy Tollett
		Jen Elston
		Molly Hibler
		Diana Kirkpatrick
		Susan Bruckner
		Julie McFarland
		Meghan Griffin
		Mary Jane Leonowich

<b>CITY</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
	St Jude	Bobbie Scherer
		Jennifer Rowe
		Terry Ziegelmeier
		Cindy Griffiths
		Jessica Pardee
		Tanya Pallardy
		Chrysa Muenchausen
		Steffany Congelio
		Meg Milchen
Gates Mills	St Francis Of Assisi	Nichol Luff
		Robin Zullo
		Kristen Dahlhofer
		Linda Adams
		Linda Favorite
		Mary Kay O'Malley
		Susan Previte
Highland Heights	St Paschal Baylon	Carol Jansky
		Kathy Baka
		Joan Lorber
		Kristian Martinson
		Tara Limestoll
		Mary Curtis
		Laura Yanick
		Kristen Polantz
		Joanne McMurdo
		Iryna Kulick
		Holly Herald
		Marge Simpson
		Evamarie Mickol
		Michele Longano
		Stephanie Leffler
Kettering	Archbishop Alter HS	Amy Bolden
		Michael Thuente
		Barbara Groene
		Jackie Helt
		Chris Untener
		Michelle Popp
		Michelle Denney
		Jennifer Butler
Lancaster	Fairfield Christian Academy	Rita Ralph

<b>CITY</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
	Fairfield Christian Academy	Stacie Hopple
		Cathy Barthelmas
		Jerimiah Schluep
		Melissa Albert
		Brenda Fischer
		Cynthia Rogers
		Kelli Frye
		Cheri Noland
		Mark Bowers
		Susan Van Horn
		Chris Hawks
		Bobbi McKinnon
		Barry Garrett
		Stacey Rauch
		JT Burcham
		Kathy Cassidy
		David Albert
		Dannelle Ashley
Liberty Twp	Mother Teresa Catholic	Amanda Ocariz
		Lori White
		Matthew Bailey
		Lauren Austin
		Lisa Hollstegge
		Karen Geiger
Lorain	Horizon Science Academy	Hasan Savas
		Feyza Keles
		Feyiz Pikel
Loveland	St Columban	Benjamin McPheron
		Cathy Wheeler
Mt Vernon	St Vincent de Paul	John Vining
		Sarah Lukasak
		Michelle Duffy
		Sara Williamson
		Terra Dilley
		Sharon Tharp
		Mary Anne Dyer
		Patty Dudevszky
		Patricia Finneran
		Mary Anne Lingel
N Ridgeville	Lake Ridge Academy	Justin Schafer

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	Lake Ridge Academy	Robert Robertson
Parma Hts	Incarnate Word Academy	Michelle Brezina
		Cynthia Rossman
		Allison Klutarich
		Karen Micheli
Sidney	Lehman Catholic HS	Tracy Hall
		Ginny Scherer
		Leah Bertke
Solon	St Rita	Barbara Wilson
		Cristina Bohning
		Heidi Kaminicki
		Matt Richards
		Lori Foster
		Pierre El-Hindi
Springfield	Ridgewood School	Shawn Jarzab
		Beth Hearlihy
		Daniel Metzger
		Colleen Huey
		Melanie Clark
St Clairsville	East Richland Christian School	Jita Knox
		Linda Yourko
		Brian Yourko
		Charlotte Payne
		Sue Morgan
		Becky Kraly
		Aaron Mostia
		Jane Powell
		Matthew Cummins
		Eric Woods
Steubenville	Bishop John King Mussio Central JS	Susan Fischer
		Chrissy DiMichele
		JoAnna Ravasio
		Meg Pirro
		Mary DuBois
		Sandy Morelli
		Tina Politi
Sunbury	Big Walnut Intermediate	Michael Wion
		Karen Bodker
		Rina Hoge
		Casey Wright

<b>CITY</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
	Big Walnut Intermediate	Michael Stone
		Sarah Wadsworth
		Jason Crawford
		Wendy Austin
		Stacey Hamilton
Tipp City	Tippecanoe MS	Curt Earl
		Dale Bonifas
		Jennifer Nickol
		Karl Stanbery
		Abbi Smith
		Brad Koopman
		Greg Kinnison
Youngstown	Chaney Campus of VPA STEM	Melissa Sternburg
		Tim Bakos
		Madonna Barwick
		Benjamin Dooley
		Stephanie Greathouse
		Carrie Sinkele
		Sharon Ragan
		Robert Wyant
		Pam Lubich

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