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The Ohio Academy of Science's newsletter has arrived!

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OAS NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2018, PART I

Dear Members, Friends and Volunteers:

While my calendar reminded me of the vernal equinox, my snow-covered drive and lawn reminded me of something else. Let's think spring, and "the granddaddy of them all", State Science Day! This is our 70th anniversary and it will once again be held on the venerable campus that is, The Ohio State University.

STATE SCIENCE DAY 2018

State Science Day will take place on Saturday, May 12, 2018. 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. For 2018, these awards have been expanded to include grades 7-9.

Also new for this year, State Science Day became 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.

[THE SCHEDULE FOR STATE SCIENCE DAY 2018](#)

[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 Ohio, Battelle, CAS, College Advantage 529 Savings Program, COSI, 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 State Science Day 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.



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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.

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THE OHIO TUITION TRUST AUTHORITY - COLLEGE ADVANTAGE 529 AWARDS



Pictured above, left to right, Michael Woytek, CEO-The Ohio Academy of Science, Lilee Mullen, Franklin Twp. ES, Wooster and Ben Gibbons, Director of Marketing, The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority. Lilee was a 2017 Awardee at State Science Day.

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 2018, 48 students will be awarded a total of \$21,000. The students will receive their award in a funded Ohio 529 Saving Account.

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

[Please learn more about Ohio's 529 Savings Program](#)

Scholarships and Sponsored Awards

Student recognition through sponsored scholarships and awards has always been an important part of State Science Day. There are several new sponsors offering these awards. They include Kent State University, Ohio Northern University, Otterbein University, and Wasmer Schroeder & Company.

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

[COMPLETE LIST OF SPONSORED AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

State Science Day is a one of a kind event, so please consider participating as a judge or volunteer.

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

Sincerely,



**Michael E. Woytek, CEO
The Ohio Academy of Science.**

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