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20 LAPS students earned awards at New Mexico State Science & Engineering Fair, 5 advance.

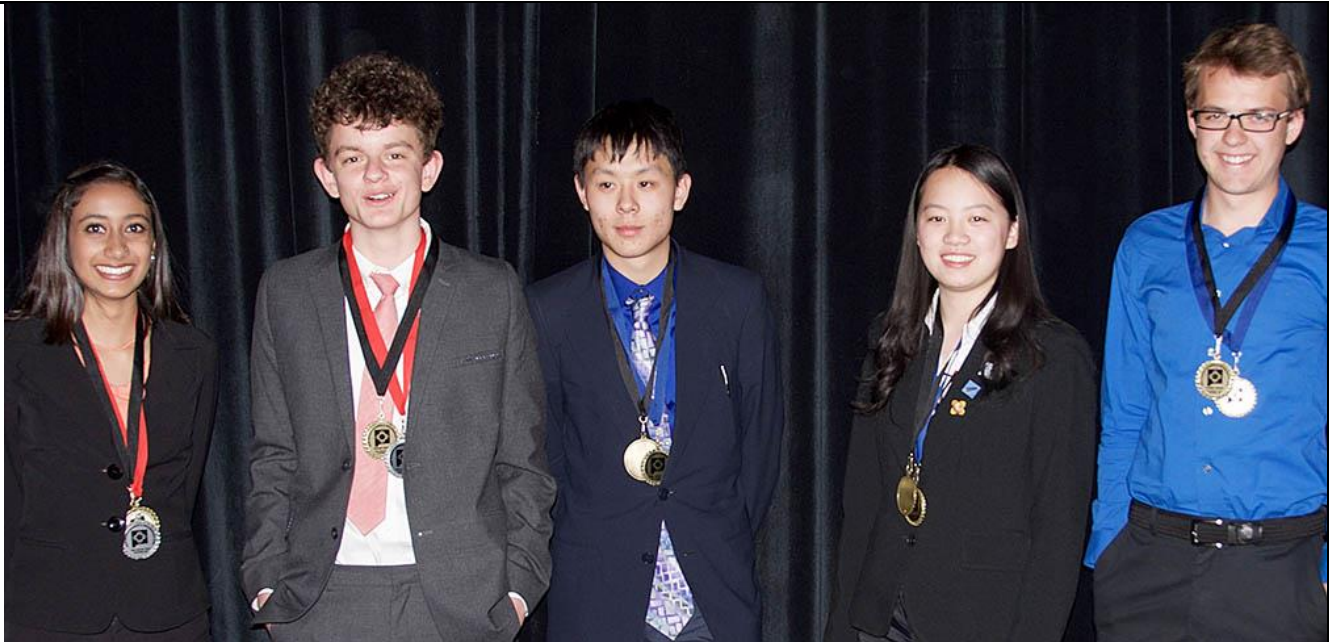


Amaya Coblenz, LAMS, earned 2nd place with her scientific paper titled, "Dry Not Dying: The Photobiology of Lichen."

On the weekend of April 1-2, Los Alamos students had a tremendous showing and represented our school district with a large portion of the top honors at the New Mexico State Science and Engineering Fair, held at New Mexico Tech in Socorro.

Of the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair Awards, Los Alamos High School brought home 3 of the 6 top spots. These 3 projects (5 students) will compete May 9-13th at the Intel Fair in Phoenix, AZ, against 1,700 students from across the globe for four million dollars in prizes and awards.

LAPS brought home 4 of the 8 coveted best of the best "Grand Awards". A total of 20 Los Alamos students earned an awards, while competing against 350 students representing six regional science fairs across the state.



5 LAPS students qualified for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. L to R: Team: Priyanka Velappan 10th grade and Alex Ionkov, 10th grade, Team: Jovan Zhang, 12th grade and Sophie Li, 10th grade, Individual Qualifier: Theodore Petersen, 12th grade

This is the 12th straight year that LAPS will send students on to Intel ISEF, another incredible accomplishment for our LAHS students.

Ms. Brown notes, "Our students represented our county with integrity and pride. I could not have been more proud of all 27 students who competed against some very tough schools and came out on top."

2016 New Mexico State Science and Engineering Fair Results:

Amaya Coblentz, Los Alamos Middle School

Life Sciences Grand Award Junior Division

1st Plant Science Junior Division,

2nd place NM Academy of Science, Junior Division

2nd place Scientific Paper Competition, AVS Science & Technology Awards

Broadcom MASTERS Nominee

Theodore Petersen, Los Alamos High School

Physical Sciences Grand Award Senior Division

1st place Mathematical Science Senior Division

2nd Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corp.

Mu Alpha Theta Award

Jovan Y Zhang and Sophia Li, Los Alamos High School

Life Sciences Grand Award Senior Division

1st place Medicine and Health Science Senior Division

Priyanka Velappan and Alex Ionkov, Los Alamos High School

Life Sciences Grand Award Senior Division

2nd place Medicine and Health Science

Michael D. Aslam, Los Alamos Middle School

1st place Mathematical Sciences Junior Division
Broadcom MASTERS Nominee

Gopal Nadiga, Los Alamos Middle School

1st place Physics and Astronomy Junior Division
Broadcom MASTERS Nominee

Sonya Svyatskaya, Los Alamos Middle School

2nd place Plant Sciences Junior Division
Broadcom MASTERS Nominee

Phillip L. Ionkov, Aspen Elementary School

2nd place Computer Science Junior Division

Elijah A. Pelofske, Los Alamos High School

2nd place Physics Senior Division
1st place Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corp.

William J. McTeigue, Los Alamos High School

3rd place Mathematical Sciences
Vannetta Perry Award

William Sidley-Parker, Los Alamos High School

Honorable Mention Computer Science Senior Division
Naval Science Award Program

Connor B. Bailey and Hayden Walker, Los Alamos High School

Honorable Mention Engineering Senior Division

Karin R. Ebey, Los Alamos Middle School

Honorable Mention Animal Sciences Junior Category
New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering Award

Nicholas Mozyrsky, Los Alamos Middle School

Honorable Mention Chemistry Junior Category

Amelia L. Morgan Barranca Mesa Elementary School

Honorable Mention Computer Science Junior Category
New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering Award

Eliza Evans, Los Alamos Middle School

John Harty Award

Ryan E. Kornreich, Mountain Elementary School

New Mexico Optometric Association

Additional New Mexico State Science and Engineering Competitors:

Ignatius Kuropatwinski

Kaity Burke

Kamaya Ronning

Logan Capon
Nilesh Mukundan and Eli Iramk-Bent (team)
Sara Franco-Duque

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