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UNC Charlotte Region 6 NC Science & Engineering Fair 2026 Awards Ceremony





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The UNC Charlotte NC Science & Engineering Fair is hosted and supported by the Center for STEM Education



- ✓ **Special Awards Winners**
- ✓ **Regional Winners by Division and Category**
 - * *Designates Advancement to State Fair*
- ✓ **Thermo Fisher Scientific Winners**
- ✓ **Grand Award --ISEF Winners**

All Judges' Decisions are Final



| ISEF Regional Award Organization | Criteria | Winners |
|---|---|---|
| Regeneron Biomedical Science | For excellence in biomedical science. | Mahi Valiveti |
| American Psychological Association | For achievement in research in psychological science. | Rahini Jala |
| Association for Women Geoscientists | For projects that exemplify high standards of innovativeness and scientific excellence in the geosciences. | Brooklynn Stewart |
| Naval Awards | For students who have outstanding projects in the STEM. \$25 gift card for Juniors and \$50 gift card for Seniors. | Ella Kate Ashleman, Joshua Haigler, Niam Pandit, Colin Lawson, Olive Arnold |
| NASA Earth System Science Award | Winning project, which best demonstrates insights into Earth's interconnected spheres including different spheres of the Earth system, their interactions and change over time. | Advaitha Nithin |
| National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | The NOAA Award will go to one individual whose research emphasizes NOAA's mission of Science, Service, and Stewardship. | Thanvi Majeti & Daya Raghava |





| ISEF Regional Award Organization | Criteria | Winners |
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| U.S. Metric Association | For the best use of the International System of Units. | Elena Banas |
| Society for In Vitro Biology | Winners exhibit in the area of plant or animal in vitro biology or tissue culture. | Bethany Long & Aniya Leach |
| Yale Science and Engineering Association | Most Outstanding Exhibit in Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics | Kaике Arriaza, Deon Joseph Flores, Nevan Reynolds |
| Lemelson Early Inventor | Project best exemplifies the ideals of inventive thinking by addressing a challenge in a community and creating a solution that will improve the lives of others. | Aditya Srinath |
| Ricoh USA, Inc. | This regional award is presented to the student whose research has demonstrated the principles and technical innovations that offer the greatest potential for sustainable development. | Aadit Krishna |



Elementary **Biological Sciences**

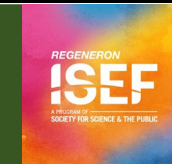


- *1. Sadie Hall, Locust Elementary
- *2. Anam Fatima & Esmerald Miller, Pleasant Ridge
- *3. Aeliana Luca-Phillips, Charlotte Preparatory School
- *4. James Cleland Nielsen & Maciek Pulliam,
Charlotte Preparatory School

Honorable Mention: Maia Stevenson & Emerson Walker, East Iredell Elementary
Kennedy James, Troutman Elementary



Elementary Chemistry



- *1. Claire Serval, Locust Elementary
- *2. Abdulmalik Alghamdi & Owen Printy, Weddington Hills
- *3. Nathan Hansel, W A Bess Elementary
- *4. Samuel Palasek, Charlotte Preparatory School

Honorable Mention

Aayansh Khandelwal, Coddle Creek Elementary - Mooresville



Elementary



Earth/Environmental Science

- *1. Natalia Dubon Campos & Amy Haller, Endhaven
 - *2. Gage Gustafson & Noah Hunter, R Brown McAllister
 - *3. Mirha Aamer, Intellicor International Academy
 - *4. Virginia Villarreal, Gardner Park Elementary
- Honorable Mention:* Corianna Woods, Costner Elementary
Caden Pratt, Weddington Hills Elementary



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Engineering & Technology



*1. Margo Barnett, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy

*2. Riley Alenky & Frankie Smith, Park Road Montessori

*3. Eleanor & Samuel Moody-Musick, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy

*4. Sivesh Nagarajan, Coltrane-Webb Elementary

Honorable Mention

Maddox Warren & Wyatt York, Cool Spring Elementary

Owen Snyder, Weddington Hills Elementary



Elementary **Physics & Math**



- *1. Spencer Meier, Lakeshore Elementary
- *2. Marissa Lynn, Hawks Nest STEAM Academy
- *3. Keya Kolekar, Lake Norman Elementary
- *4. Khang Tran, Charlotte Preparatory School

Honorable Mention

Cooper Ward & Liam Redmond, Union Grove Elementary



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Junior Biological Sciences A



- *1. Harini Jayakumar, Brawley Middle School
- *2. Zofia Goehring, C C Griffin Middle
- *3. Dia Jha, Community House Middle
- *4. Marlowe Morris, Stanley Middle

Honorable Mention

Amina Abdullaeva, Jay M Robinson
Delilah Romero, Stanley Middle



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Junior **Biological Sciences B**



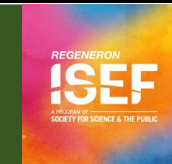
- *1. Ananya Sinha, Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy
- *2. Selah Smith, Belmont Middle
- *3. Shanaya Shashi Kumar, Marvin Ridge Middle
- *4. Ezekiel Pasco, W C Friday Middle School

Honorable Mention

Elle Smith, Charlotte Preparatory School



Junior Chemistry



- *1. Aryan Sharma, Brawley Middle School
- *2. Camdyn Mathis, Holbrook Middle
- *3. Roshni Tamang, Albemarle Road Middle
- *4. Yashika Dodda, Northwest Cabarrus Middle

Honorable Mention

Cameron Bond & Alexander Snell, J N Fries Magnet School

Junior

Earth/Environmental Science

*1. Varshitha Gopalakrishnan Swathika & Sahasra Nagarajan, Brawley Middle

*2. Samritha Kumar, Brawley Middle School

*3. Arhan Datta, Jay M Robinson Middle

*4. Adhrit Jayagandhan, Northwest Cabarrus Middle

Honorable Mention

Niam Pandit, Charlotte Preparatory School

Davershi Tirunagari, Marvin Ridge Middle



Junior Engineering



- *1. Aaryan Mansukhani, Brawley Middle
- *2. Blake Buckley, North Stanly Middle
- *3. Raghav Garg, Brawley Middle
- *4. Levi Kirkpatrick, Stanley Middle

Honorable Mention

Olive Arnold, Stanley Middle
Amy Page, Stanley Middle



Junior Physics



- *1. Brandon Teng, Charlotte Preparatory School
- *2. Jovan Joyson Abraham, Community House Middle
- *3. Aarav Talaviya, Brawley Middle
- *4. Lakshmanan Annamalai, Brawley Middle

Honorable Mention

Chigoziem Nnaekpe, J N Fries Magnet School
Owen Berrier & Austin Smith, Holbrook Middle



Junior Technology



- *1. Avika & Avadhi Sheth, Metrolina Reg Scholars Academy
- *2. Sahaana Dinesh & Krisha Sharma, Marvin Ridge Middle
- *3. Mila Bock, Charlotte Preparatory School
- *4. Aditya Srinath, Charlotte Preparatory School

Honorable Mention

Arianna Arnette & Merritt Tricoche, Albemarle Middle



Junior Math/Statistics/ Data



- *1. Henry Markwith, Cramerton Middle
- *2. Timothy Anandkumar, Socrates Academy
 - *3. Reid Lee, North Stanly Middle
 - *4. Obed Nayak, Brawley Middle



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Senior **Biological Sciences A**

- *1. Anish Banerjee, South Iredell High
- *2. Ruth Joel, Providence Day School
- *3. Rutwa Patwil, Cox Mill HS
- *4. Rian Patel, Lake Norman Charter HS





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Senior **Biological Sciences B**

*1. Aryan Shashi Kumar, Marvin Ridge HS

*2. Mahi Valiveti, Providence HS

*3. Rudra Kulla, Rohit Mohan, &
Athul Warriar, Lake Norman Charter HS

*4. Peyton Safrit, East Gaston HS





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Senior Chemistry

- *1. Aanya Bharadwaj, Marvin Ridge HS
- *2. Sia Gullapalli, Charlotte Latin School
- *3. Harshith Dadi & Advait Sudev, South Iredell High
- *4. Prateep Kumar Mandal & Evan Wright, Ardrey Kell HS





Senior Earth/Environmental Science

- *1. Maadhava Parthasarathy, Weddington HS
- *2. Brooklynn Stewart, East Gaston HS
- *3. Krish Perla, Weddington HS
- *4. Aadit Krishna, Central Academy of Technology and Arts HS





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Senior Engineering

- *1. Kripa Sudhir, Marvin Ridge HS
- *2. Nicholas Moore, South Iredell HS
- *3. Harini Balaji, Hickory Ridge HS
- *4. Agastya Bysani, Marvin Ridge HS





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Senior Technology

- *1. Pooja Suresh, South Iredell HS
- *2. Noga Gercsak, Butler HS
- *3. Arkapravo Sen, Weddington HS
- *4. Rohan Khiani, Providence Day School

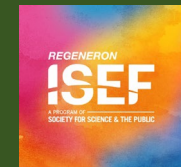




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Senior Physics

- *1. Ruohan Wang, Marvin Ridge HS
- *2. Anjani Ganesh Attada, Hickory Ridge HS
- *3. Rui Yin, Marvin Ridge HS
- * 4. Saiim Brown, Aidan Oplinger, &
Rhys Todd, Gaston Early College HS





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Senior Math/Statistics/Data Science

*1. Chuning GUO, Charlotte Country Day School

*2. Jason Qiu, Marvin Ridge HS

*3. Haashini Balasubramanian, Cox Mill HS

*4. Julia Rodrigues Angrisano, Charlotte Latin School



Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge Nominations

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Nominees will be emailed additional instructions for nomination.



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2026 ISEF Winners

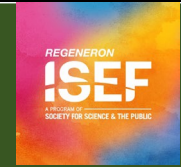


Phoenix, Arizona (May 11-15, 2026)

Aadarsh Lakshmanan, Harper Middle College
Jillian Schultheis, East Gaston High School



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Thank you!

We hope to see you 2027!

Please join us in thanking our judges for
their expertise and time.

Alisa Wickliff, Associate Director, Center for STEM Education, UNC Charlotte
Dr. Chris Gordon, College of Education, Lenoir Rhyne University
Dr. David Pugalee, Director, Center for STEM Education, UNC Charlotte

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