

## Science, math students honored by professional society

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SOUTH AKRON – The Akron Council of Engineering & Scientific Societies (ACCESS) will honor outstanding local science and math high school students tonight, Nov. 5, at its Honors and Awards Banquet at Guy's Party Centre. Organizers said the 68th annual event is part of ACCESS's mission to promote education in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The society also will honor science fair winners and teachers.

Local students to be honored with certificates of achievement are:

- Akron Early College High School: Mackenzie Miller and Ryan Pickler;
- Buchtel Community Learning Center (CLC): Ty'easha Johnson and Samir Nahali;
- Firestone High School: Emily Borodkin and John Bowen;
- National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF) STEM High School: Myia Culbreath and Sean Rich;
- Copley High School: Hannah Kenyon and Zach Varley;
- Norton High School: Jordon Longoria and Connor Knight;
- Revere High School: Leah Weisburn and Stephen Kronenberger;
- Woodridge High School: Emily Tompkin and Seth Conard;
- Archbishop Hoban High School: Katie Bradshaw and Will Freeman;
- Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy: Emily Petrinec and Aaron VanGeest;
- Our Lady of the Elms: Alexis Axtell and Colleen Goetz;
- St. Vincent-St. Mary High School (STVM): Meghan Devany and Steven Stamer; and
- Walsh Jesuit High School: Caroline Klein and Chris Shorter.

A Science Fair award will go to Maximilian Chmura, NIHF STEM, in the middle school category and Jackson Tankersley, NIHF STEM High School, in the high school category.

ACCESS Teacher Grant winners are:

- NIHF STEM: Julie Demangeont, Beth Bugner, Christine Justiss and Zach Griffith;
- Buchtel CLC: Lynn Webb and Dana Starvaggi; and
- King CLC: Joy Goodenow

FirstEnergy Teacher Grant winners are:

- St. Sebastian Parish School: Edward Savitski;
- NIHF STEM: Zach Griffith and Jason Tomayko;
- St. Vincent Parish School: John Milam; and
- STVM: Robert Engels

Receiving the ACCESS Scholarship Award is Alena Casell, of The University of Akron (UA). The Bridgestone/ACCESS Scholarship Award will go to Ryan Holland, of Kent State University.

Nathan Azira and Ryan Loftus, both of UA, are the Omnova/ACCESS Scholarship winners.

The ACCESS Award, which is to recognize a person who has served ACCESS and a member society of ACCESS with exemplary volunteer service, will be given to David Perry, a UA professor.

The Distinguished Award of Council will go to Lillian Prince, founder and executive director of Biostatistics Research Awareness Initiatives Network (BRAIN). In addition, participating Buchtel CLC students Michael Connalley, Shaun Cooper, Larry Covington, Brandon Foster, O'Shae Foster and Najm Porter were to be introduced, along with counselor Marlise Ramsey.

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