

18 area students, S.D. teacher win honors at state science fair

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Abstract:

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Eighteen San Diego and Imperial county students won awards at the California State Science Fair this week, and a teacher at San Diego's Lewis Middle School was named one of the fair's teachers of the year.

The annual event, held Monday and Tuesday in Los Angeles, drew 952 student participants who had developed projects for the science and engineering fairs in their hometown regions.

Teacher of the year for the junior division, grades six through eight, was Bill Miller of Lewis Middle School. It was the second straight year a San Diego teacher received the award, which honors the science teacher "who has been most inspirational" to students.

There were five first-place winners among students representing the Greater San Diego Science & Engineering. They are Dana Levine, eighth grade, San Diego Jewish Academy, in behavioral sciences; Emily Balmert, eighth grade, Hillsdale Middle (El Cajon), physics and astronomy; Sean Myrick, seventh grade, Pershing Middle (San Diego), plant biology; Gregory Bruich, eighth grade, Muirlands Middle (San Diego), social sciences; and Marguerite Matthews, 12th grade, Mount Miguel High (Spring Valley), behavioral sciences.

Second-place winners were Allen Tyler, eighth grade, McCabe Elementary (El Centro), behavioral sciences; Sakina Palida, eighth grade, Carmel Valley Middle, biochemistry/molecular biology; Tessa Ridgway, eighth grade, Julian Junior High, microbiology; and Sabrina Barrett, 12th grade, Mount Miguel, behavioral sciences.

Third-place awards went to Kelsey Jones, eighth grade, Marshall Middle (San Diego), electricity and electronics; Jessica Gomez, 12th grade, Chula Vista Senior High, biochemistry/molecular biology; Joshua Emerick, 12th grade, Mount Miguel, environmental engineering; and Roxane Santiago, 12th grade, Mount Miguel, pharmacology/toxicology.

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