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Paris ISD students dominate regional science fair

Several Paris ISD students are advancing to state science competition following the 51st annual East Texas Regional Science Fair Friday, Feb. 28, at Kilgore College.

Over 150 students participated in the ETRSF. Of all participating school districts, Paris ISD had the largest percentage of qualifiers.

The top ten finishers in each of four categories are invited to attend the Exxon-Mobil Science and Engineering Fair March 20 through 23 at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Advancing to the state competition are Asher Andoe, Zachary De la Garza, Anna Floyd, James Petrikas, Sahil Prakash, Reagan Stone, and Zain Syed.

‘I expect to see some of these students competing at the national level in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in the coming years,’ said Jodi Andoe, Paris ISD UIL Science Fair Coordinator. Science Fair coaches for these students are Andoe, Leigh Napier, and Katharine Bryan.



Paris ISD students recently dominated the East Texas Regional Science Fair and those who placed in the top ten are heading to the state competition. Winners are, front row, from left: fifth grader Grace Perry, specialty award; fifth grader James Petrikas, fourth place; eighth grader Anna Floyd, eighth place. Back row: seventh grader Easton Vaughn, specialty award; seventh grader Asher Andoe, seventh place; seventh grader Sahil Prakash, seventh place; eighth grader Zain Syed, second place; eighth grader Zachary De la Garza, fifth place; and eighth grader Reagan Stone, ninth place.

In the Junior Biological division (grades 5-8), Paris students claimed five of the top 10 places.

Zain Syed, an 8th grader at Paris Junior high, placed second with his project, “Herbal Remedy—Fact of Fiction.”

James Petrikas, a Crockett Intermediate 5th grader, placed fourth with his project, “How Does Radiation Affect Seed Germination.”

Zachary De la Garza, an 8th grader at Paris Junior High, placed fifth with his project, “Beat the Heat.”

Sahil Prakash, a Paris Junior High 7th grader, won seventh place with his “The Power of Beethoven” project.

Reagan Stone, an 8th grader at Paris Junior High, placed ninth with her project, “Make Your Mark.”

In the Junior Physical division (grades 5-8), Paris students claimed two of the top 10 places.

Asher Andoe, a Paris Junior High 7th grader, placed seventh with his project, “Gassy Dirt.”

Anna Floyd, an 8th grader at Paris Junior High, placed eighth with her project “Hoverboard.”

Specialty awards were given for projects in water, engineering, use of computers and environmental science. Syed received a specialty award from the American Chemical Society. Grace Perry, a Crockett Intermediate 5th grader, received a specialty award from the American Meteorological Society. Easton Vaughn, a 7th grader at Paris junior High, was awarded a specialty award from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.