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Paris ISD student scientists advance to Texas Science and Engineering Fair



Paris ISD students advancing to the state science fair competition are (from left) Madeline Petrikas, James Petrikas, Hana Syed, Zain Syed, and Nicole Tijerina.

Paris, TX - Five Paris ISD students are advancing to state science competition following the 52nd annual East Texas Regional Science Fair on February 27, at Kilgore College.

More than 150 experiments from students in the 5th to the 12th grades participated in the ETRSF.

The top ten finishers in each of four categories are invited to attend the ExxonMobil Science & Engineering Fair scheduled March 26-29 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

Advancing to the state competition are Madeline Petrikas, James Petrikas, Hana Syed, Zain Syed, and Nicole Tijerina.

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

Madeline Petrikas, a seventh grader at Paris Junior High, placed first with her project, "Multitasking: Brain Drain or Booster?"

Hana Syed, a Crockett Intermediate fifth grader, placed fourth with her project, "Turmeriffic Turmeric!"

Nicole Tijerina, a sixth grader at Crockett Intermediate placed sixth with her project, "Amazing Equine Eyes."

In the Junior Physical division (grades 5-8), James Petrikas, a sixth grader at Crockett Intermediate, placed second with his project, "What Happens to our Temperature and Pressure in Space?"

In the Senior Biological division (grades 9-12), Zain Syed, a freshman at Paris High School placed second with his project, "Prevention is Better than Cure for Emerging Gastrointestinal Disease."

Specialty awards were given for projects in water, engineering, use of computers and environmental science.

Hana Syed received a specialty award from the American Chemistry. James Petrikas received a specialty award from the American Meteorological Society and from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.