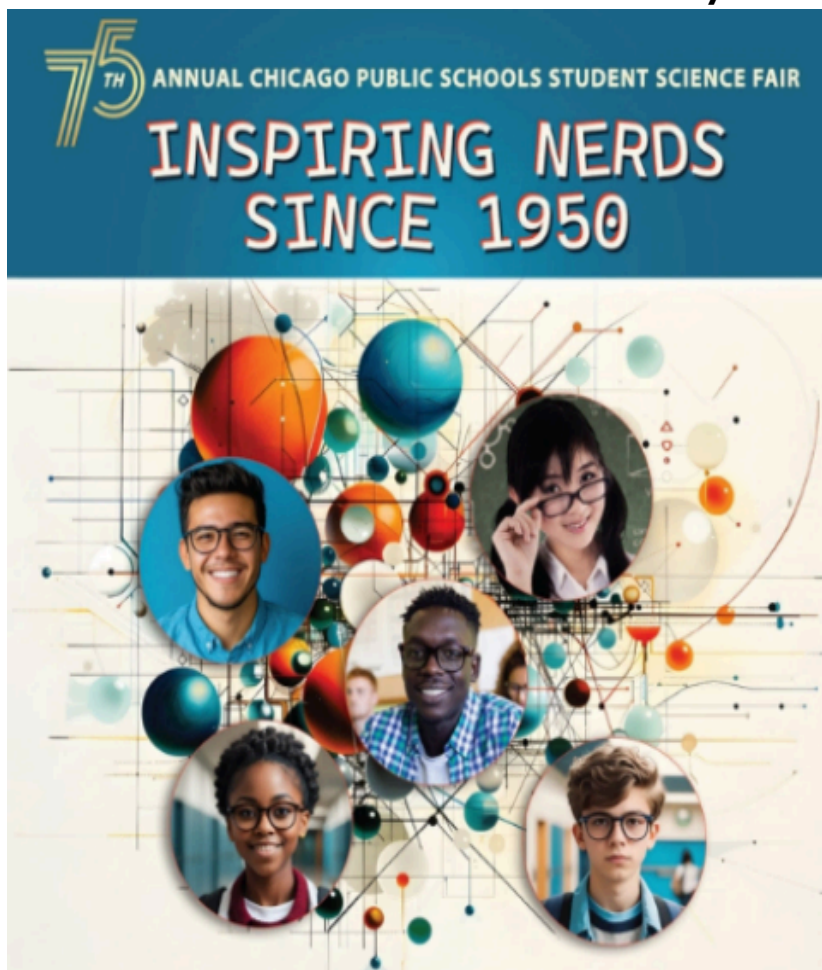


75th ANNIVERSARY
Of the CPS Exhibition of Student Research

Sunday March 16, 2025
Griffin Museum of Science & Industry



1:00 P.M -3:00 P.M

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AWARDS CEREMONY BEGINS

Elizabeth Copper briefly introduces herself as MC for the day and asks the audience to please stand for everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance led by Cadet Major **Gamez-Rocha**

Elizabeth Thanks Cadet from Carver Military Academy

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Elizabeth asks, if there are former chairpersons, board members or CPSSSF, Inc committee members, please come to the front for our **ribbon cutting ceremony**

Elizabeth 2 minutes we are officially starting the 75th

Elizabeth Copper introduces Chairperson of CPS Student Science Fair, Inc. Carrie Kaestner / Von Steuben does greeting (2 – 3 minutes)

Carrie Kaestner introduces Elizabeth Copper (Welcome & Brief comments)

Elizabeth Copper introduces Dr. Glennie King, CPSSSF, Inc Board member

Elizabeth Copper introduces Hazel Theriault, Manager of GMSI Operations (3-5 min)

Elizabeth Copper introduces **CPS Teacher** Ms. Libby Robertson Franklin Fine Arts (5 min)

Elizabeth Copper introduces **TBA** SSF Alum, (5 min)

Elizabeth Copper introduces Ruby Sheree Parnell-Booth, Chairperson of the Special Awards Committee and a teacher at Air Force Academy and thanks Ruby for securing awards for the student participants.

Ruby Sheree Parnell- Booth greets the students, administrators, teachers and invited guests and announces:

At the end of this Award ceremony you will receive an award package containing City STEM certificate, Regional Medal, City trophy and possibly other special awards under \$50. The line leaders will escort you out to receive your awards packets after the ceremony to the Little Theater.

Ruby Sheree Parnell-Booth continues...Students, unless asked to come to the stage, **please stand when your name is announced**. Audience, please hold your applause until after all the names are read for a particular award category.

Achievement Award, is a \$50 cash award to a first time student exhibitor with an outstanding project. Please **come to the stage...**

Oluwanifemi Ekemode - Air Force Academy HS

American Psychological Association, awards a certificate and 1 year complimentary membership to an outstanding student in Behavioral science, **Please stand...**

Julia Kordo - Peterson

Association of Women Geoscientific, awards a certificate in geoscience to an outstanding student participant, **Please stand...**

Oluwanifemi Ekemode - Air Force Academy HS

Broadcom Coding with Commitment, is a cash award given two middle school students who are passionate about their work and their community, Please come to the stage ..

Adrian Gonzalez Decatur Classical

HAVE ADRIAN STAY ON STAGE

Enoch Wolifou Courtenay Language Arts Academy

Broadcom Foundation Award, is a \$250 Visa gift card and a Micropython on Raspberry Pi Pico Kit to an outstanding computer science exhibitor, Please **come** to the stage

Adrian Gonzalez - Decatur

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Carolyn J McBride Award a \$25 cash award will be given to two middle student exhibitors with an outstanding project. Please **come** to the stage

Nilo Anderson - Audubon
Katherine Wheat - Newberry Math & Science Award

Charles B. Brown Jr. Memorial Award One \$50 cash award will be given to a student exhibitor with an outstanding project in the category of computer science or electricity. Please **come** to the stage...

John Falciglia - Payton

Charms Inc.-Chicago Chapter a \$50 cash award given to each of two outstanding female student exhibitors. Please **come** to the stage...

Julia Ijimakin -Taft Academic Center
Oluwanifemi Ekemode - Air Force Academy HS

Chicago Section STLE a total of **\$350** cash awards given to outstanding student exhibitors. Please **come** to the stage project:

\$150 for Leo Ma - Skinner North
\$100 for Racym Ouali - Ebinger School
\$50 each for Annisa Hossain and Lucille Stanley - Coonley

Clean water award a certificate will be given to each of 2 middle and 3 high with outstanding water related projects (certificates). **Please stand...**

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Maverick Gamble - Robert A Black
Owens Harder - Beaubien
Elliana Gagua - Amundsen HS
Symone Harden - Whitney Young Magnet
Payman Rajaie - Lane Tech

Copper's Encouragement Award a \$25 cash award given to a middle school first time participant. Please stand...

Justin Borges - Chicago World Language

Copper's Forensic Award 2 - \$25 for an outstanding project in forensics,. Please Stand

Melissa Rahmani and Natalie Baran - Dirksen(STAND)

Copper's Forensics Award a \$50 cash award to outstanding high school forensic science project Please come to the stage...

Andrea Marquez - Carver Military Academy

Cynthia Slater Insurance Agency Award, a \$50 cash award given to an outstanding exhibitor. Please **come** to the stage...

Symone Harden - Whitney Young Magnet

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Davis Family Award (6) - \$50 cards to six exhibitors 4 middle and 2 high schools. Please **stand and remain standing until all names have been called...**

Oluwanifemi Ekemode - Air Force
DivineFavour Osuji - Lane Tech
Kendall Overton - Keller Regional Gifted
Tonton Abdou - John D. Shoop
McKenzie Wilson - Robert A. Black
Julia Ijimakin - Taft Academic Center

DiLorenzo Growing and Nurturing Plant Award \$25 cash awards given to 3 student exhibitors with outstanding plant-related projects. Please come to the stage...

Anabelle Jaramillo - Von Steuben MSC
Chris Harris - Von Steuben MSC
Emmett Fitzgerald - Robert A Black

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), One letter of encouragement will be awarded to a student exhibitor that has an outstanding project in the category of environmental science. Please **stand...**

Symone Harden - Whitney Young Magnet

Eva Wilson Pitts Award \$100 cash award to a middle school student with an outstanding project in the category of environmental science. Please come to the stage...

Maverick Gamble - Robert A Black

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Federal Managers Association. Chapter 375 – EPA Chicago, a \$100 gift VISA card to each of two outstanding student exhibitors. Please **come** to the stage...

Inika Bansal - Payton College Prep
Beatriz Whitford-Rodriguez - Skinner North

FOGELSON FAMILY SPECIAL AWARD FOR MATHEMATICAL INVESTIGATION \$157 cash award be given to each of two student exhibitors for outstanding mathematical investigations or application. Please **come** to the stage...

Bogdan Jones - Payton

FOGELSON FAMILY FOUNDATION \$281 Cash award will be given to each of two student exhibitors for distinguished mathematical research. Please **come** to the stage...(split amount)

Linda Tang and Gina Sopavanich - Whitney Young Academic Center

FOGELSON FAMILY FOUNDATION \$331 QED Cash award will be given to each of two student exhibitors for outstanding works of research in Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, mathematics in Engineering, and Mathematics in Computer-Related Sciences. Please **come** to the stage...

Alex Huang and Jerry Zhang - Whitney Young Academic Center

Fogelson Family Foundation a \$401 cash award to a school/team for outstanding mathematics or related sciences. Please **come** to the stage...(split three ways)

Darius Jones - Whitney Young Magnet
Michelle Guo and Arissa Tu - Whitney Young Academic Center

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Gonzalzes, Rivera, Wahlberg, James, Roger Awards, a \$100 cash award to each of three middle school and one high school exhibitors that best use the scientific method in their exhibits. Please **come to the stage projects...**

Kush Sahai - Skinner North
Maize Koentopp - Decatur Classical
Julia Ijimakin - Taft Academic Center
Diego Landerso - Lane Tech

Janice Lemar Brown Memorial Award, a one \$50 cash award will be given to a student exhibitor with an outstanding project in the category of mathematics, Please **come to the stage...**

Bogdan Jones - Payton

Jesse Reyes a \$100 cash award to an outstanding first time exhibitor, Please **come** to the stage...

Oluwanifemi Ekemode - Air Force Academy HS

TELL HER TO STAY ON STAGE

JP Consulting Group Award \$100 cash award will be given to a high school female student exhibitor with an outstanding project. Please come to the stage...

Oluwanifemi Ekemode - Air Force Academy HS

Kendrick D. Coleman Memorial Fund 6 - \$50 cash award to middle school exhibitors and 3 - \$100 high school exhibitors (Gamble). **Please come to the stage...**

Jeremy Hoover - Johnson College Prep

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Divinefavour Osuji - Lane Tech
Chris Harris - Von Steuben MSC
Helina Abay and Mia Villegas - Hannah G Solomon
Ariyanna Clinton - Wadsworth STEM
Darien Harvey - LaSalle
Anila Jordan - John D Shoop
Dumariah Long - Harold Washington
Cameron Hardy and Janille Miller - Chalmer STEM

Lemelson Early Inventor Prize \$100 cash award & certificate to a middle school student demonstrates an invention solving real-world problems (Society of Science sends the check) Please **come** to the stage...

Beatriz Whitford-Rodriguez - Skinner North

Liz Jones Award a \$100 cash award to a student exhibitor with an outstanding project in the category of chemistry. Please come to the stage...

Sehrish Zahid - Von Steuben MSC

Luba Johnson Award \$100 cash award to each of a middle school and a high school outstanding exhibitor. Please come to the stage...

Ramsha Salim
Marlina Wu - Payton

NASA Earth System Award a certificate to a science exhibitor who has insight into Earth's interconnected spheres **Please Stand...**

Julia Ijimakin - Taft Academic Center

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NOAA letter of congratulations, One certificate and letter of congratulations will be awarded to a student exhibitor with an outstanding project that emphasizes NOAA's mission of science, service and stewardship: "To understand and predict changes in climate, weather,ocean and coast. **Please stand...**

Jason Lukian - Lane Tech

National Technical Association Award \$50 outstanding student exhibitor. Please **come to** the stage...

Emily Miller - Cuffee STEM

Notre Dame DNA Learning Center Award , Full scholarship will be given to each of two student exhibitors in grades 7th - 10th for DNA Camp 1 virtual camp for High School and residential camps for Middle School students. **Please stand...**

Cayenne Delaplane - Amundsen HS

Isadora Queiroz - Amundsen HS

Demetrios Goritson - Beubien

Karla Solis - Carver Military Academy

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., a \$100 cash award to ten outstanding exhibitors, please **come to** the stage...

Divinefavour Osuji - Lane Tech

McKenzie Fowlkes Thompson - Vanderpoel

Maverick Gamble - Robert A. Black

Oluwanifemi Ekemode - Air Force Academy HS

Taiwo Oyeleye - Harold Washington

Enoch Wolifou - Courtenay Language Academy

Chris Harris - Von Steuben MSC

Julia Ijimakin - Taft Academic Center

Anila Jordan - John D Shoop

Anton Westbrook - Newberry Math & Science

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Regeneron Biomedical Science Award a \$375 cash award & certificate for an impressive biomedical science & research with Regeneron core values, Please **come** to the stage...

Diego Landeros - Lane Tech

Ricoh USA, Inc a certificate to a student exhibitor who addresses social and environmental challenges with a meaningful solution for a more sustainable future. **Please stand...**

Maverick Gamble - Robert A Black

Scientific Merit Award, a \$50 cash award to an outstanding student exhibitor with an outstanding project in the category of behavioral science, botany, chemistry, environmental science or physics. Please come to the stage...

Colleen Casey and Victoria Cozzone - Ebinger School

Shannon Campbell Award a \$50 cash award will be given to each of 2 middle school students exhibitors with an outstanding project. Please **come** to the stage...

Sahana Naik - Burley Elementary

Sharper Focus Foundation, a \$50 cash award will be given to each of two female student outstanding exhibitors, Please **come** to the stage...

Oluwanifemi Ekemode - Air Force Academy HS
Symone Harden - Whitney Young Magnet

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Slater Association, a \$50 cash award to an outstanding exhibitor. Please **come** to the stage

Andrew Gould and Romoan Banks - Chalmers STEAM

Each will receive \$25

Society for In Vitro Biology, One certificate and membership in SIVB will be awarded to an 11th grade student exhibitor that has an outstanding project in the category of plant or animal in vitro biology or tissue culture.

Please stand...

Da'Kayla McDowell - Johnson College Prep

Teach Our Children Inc. Tyron K. Smith Award, a two \$100 cash award in honor of Tyron K. Smith for exhibitors with outstanding electronics projects. Please **come to** the stage...

Adam Harris - Earhart STEM

ThermoFisher top 10% of middle school One certificate of recognition and a digital packet invitation for an online application for the 2025 Thermo Fisher JIC national competition will be awarded to the top 10% middle school student exhibitors. **Please stand..**

1. Sahana Naik	12. Gianna Volpe
2. Darien Harvey	13. Adrienne Ronan
3. Aditya Abhijeet	14. Ellie Viola
4. Ramsha Salim	15. Emmy Bassik & Liv Pouw
5. Calliope Wall	16. Linda Tang & Gin Sopavanich
6. Demetrios Goritsan	17. Kaya Zadlo

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7. Andrew Wang	18. Elsie Stirling & Yusayrah Qadri
8. Daniel Li & Chelsea Lui	19. Kush Sahai
9. Virginia Guerrero	20. Christopher Valadez
10. Ada Buehler	21. Jonah Richard
11. Henry Sparks & Cole Powell	

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc Lincoln Park Chicago Chapter, One \$50 cash award will be given to each of two female student exhibitors with outstanding projects, Please **come** to the stage...

Maize Koentopp - Decatur Classical
Oluwanifemi Ekemode - Air Force Academy HS

US Metric Association One certificate and one year membership to USMA will be awarded to a student exhibitor with an outstanding project that involves quantitative measurements and use of the International **Please stand...**

Yasleen-Alvrita Galindo - Amundsen HS

US Air Force one package that includes a sling pack, Power Bank, USB flash memory drive, USB Car Charger and Official AF Certificate will be awarded to each of 7 student exhibitors that have outstanding projects in the Aerospace Science category. Please **come** to the stage

Leo Ma - Skinner North
Brennon Hardy - Waters
Racyn Quail - Ebinger
Adiya Abhjeet - Hawthorne
Sye Lara- QA Thorp

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Daniel Aguirre - Carver Military
Kendall Cross - Johnson College Prep

Yale Science & Engineering Association letter of recognition to an 11th grade exhibitor. **Please stand..**

Bu Long - Payton

Young Scientist Award, a \$50 cash award to a High School student for their scientific research endeavors in biochemistry, health science, environmental science, microbiology, zoology or engineering science. Please **come** to the stage...

Bianca Calabrese - Burley School

Monique Murray, IJAS Chairperson

ISAS Annual Meeting Competition

The following students were selected as one of only 25 projects in Illinois to present at the Illinois Academy of Science Annual Meeting on Saturday April 5 at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois.

Please **come** to the stage.....

Cynthia	Chen	10th	Payton College Prep
Oluwanifemi	Ekemode	9th	Air Force Academy High School
Yamileth	Gamez-Rocha	12th	Carver Military Academy
Bogdan Felix	Jones	11th	Payton College Prep
Darius	Jones	9th	Whitney Young Magnet HS
Diego	Landeros	11th	Lane Tech College Prep
Nithin	Ramasamy	11th	Whitney Young Magnet HS
Yuxin (Charlotte)	Shi	10th	Payton College Prep

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Timothy Hao and Jayden Gill

Lucy Young, Chairperson of Symposium and Essay Competition

IJAS Essay Finalists. For students who prefer to show their creativity through their writing, the IJAS Essay Contest gives students the opportunity to explore a topic of their choosing in an essay related to the 2024–2025 essay theme “From Impossible to I’m Possible: Progress Bit by Bit.”

Please **come** to the stage.....

A \$50 cash award will be awarded to 3rd place essay -
Ingrid Aviles - Hubbard High School

A \$75 cash award will be awarded to 2nd place essay -
Michael Ascencio - Hubbard High School

Two \$100 cash awards will awarded to
Mauricio Jaimes - Hubbard High School

And - **for the Middle School Division**
Khloe Zavala - Douglas Taylor Elementary School

ALL ESSAYS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ILLINOIS JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (IJAS) STATE COMPETITION at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Champaign, IL

SYMPOSIUM-PAPER AWARDS, The following symposium participants scored the highest for their paper presentations on Thursday at the Symposium

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Sessions. We want to recognize the following students. **Please come to the stage when called...**

\$25 cash award goes to Eric Kim - Cellular & Molecular Biology

\$25 cash award goes to Leah Wu - Environmental Science

\$25 cash award goes to Bogdan Jones - Mathematics

\$25 cash award goes to Diego Landeros - Biochemistry

\$25 cash award goes to Divinefavour Osuji - Engineering

\$25 cash award goes to Anaya Joshi - Health Science

\$25 cash award goes to Adrian Lee - Engineering

\$25 cash award goes to Maya Spatz - Computer Science

\$25 cash award goes to Ella Schieleit - Materials Science

\$25 cash award goes to Griffin Stofko - Microbiology

Tied for 3rd place, receiving a \$75 cash award each are

Landra Ream - Health Science

Saatvik Viniak - Cellular & Molecular Biology

Emily Ba - Biochemistry

The 2nd place - \$125 cash award goes to

Alexander Czempinski - Environmental Science

And finally, the 1st place - \$150 cash award goes to

Lana Surgit - Microbiology

Congratulations to all top Symposium-Paper presenters!

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We will announce who will be advancing to the IJAS Paper Symposium after the Exhibition.

Monique Murray announces the following, students. Please come to the stage when your name is called. The following students are invited to attend the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Exposition at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Champaign, IL on May 2-3, 2025. Travel, lodging and meals will be provided. **At the end of this awards ceremony** these students **COME TO THE FRONT OF THE STAGE** to complete the necessary paperwork.

First Name	Last Name	Project #	School
Olivia	Solovy	122D	Audubon
Phoebe	Kleinman	122D	Audubon
Virginia	Guerrero	85E	Audubon
Benjamin	Ruger	195E	Audubon
Demetrios	Goritsan	181E	Beaubien
Ramsha	Salim	182E	Budlong
Sahana	Naik	261E	Burley
Calliope	Wall	20E	Burley
Gianna	Volpe	76E	Coonley
Ellie	Viola	54E	Decatur
Jonah	Richard	89E	Decatur
Maizie	Koentopp	11E	Decatur
Maya	Mote	28E	Decatur
Evie	Molden	28E	Decatur
Emmy	Bassik	157E	Decatur

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Liv	Pouw	157E	Decatur
Alejandro	Valadez	141E	Ebinger
Molly	Lewis	55E	Franklin
Henry	Sparks	95E	Franklin
Cole	Powell	95E	Franklin
Lilly	Blake	55E	Franklin
Ada	Buehler	246E	Franklin
Katie	Mei	77E	Haines
Aditya	Abhijeet	5E	Hawthorne
Sanjana	Makkuni	277E	Kenwood
Darien	Harvey	102E	LaSalle
Adrienne	Ronan	101E	LaSalle
Christopher	Valadez	56E	Palmer
Amelia	Noushad	275E	Skinner North
Leo	Ma	2E	Skinner North
Daniel	Li	250E	Skinner West
Chelsea	Lui	250E	Skinner West
Kush	Sahai	183E	Skinner North
Kaya	Zadlo	78E	Solomon
Elsie	Stirling	196E	Solomondanielkda
Yusayrah	Qadri	196E	Solomon
Andrew	Wang	47E	Ted Lenart
Michelle	Guo	203M	Whitney Young AC
Arisa	Tu	203M	Whitney Young AC
Linda	Tang	206M	Whitney Young AC
Gina	Sopavanich	206M	Whitney Young AC

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Eden	Duffy	274E	Amundsen
Ramona	Harold	17E	Amundsen
Isadora	Queiroz	39E	Amundsen
Lane	Mendell	106E	Amundsen
Elliana	Cagua	166E	Amundsen

Andrea	Marquez	260E	Carver
Karla	Solis	224E	Carver
Fiona	McCarthy	15E	ChiAg
Benjamin	Rogozinski	255E	ChiAg
Daniella	Kim	226E	Lane Tech
Maya	Spatz	111D	Lane Tech
Adya	Bhushan	116E	Lane Tech
Gianne	Rimando	227E	Lane Tech
Diego	Landeros	48D	Lane Tech
Payman	Rajaie	171E	Lane Tech
Riley	Coomer	172E	Lane Tech
Yairely	Marchan	173E	Lane Tech
Lana	Surgit	228E	Lane Tech
Alexander	Czempinski	175E	Lane Tech
Divinefavour	Osuji	146D	Lane Tech
Adrian	Lee	147D	Lane Tech
Julia	Kwiek	42E	Northside
Ella	Schieleit	201E	Northside
Yuxin	Shi	185E	Payton

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John	Falciglia	112D	Payton
Bogdan	Jones	212M	Payton
Marlina	Wu	188E	Payton
Anaya	Joshi	189E	Payton
Bu	Long	18E	Payton
Leah	Wu	168D	Payton
Sehrish	Zahid	108E	Von Steuben
Darius	Jones	209E	Whitney Young

Addendum for students advancing to the IJAS for project.

Oluwanifemi	Ekemode		Air Force
Jazmin-Violet	Galindo		Amundsen
Cynthia	Chen		Payton
Eric	Kim		Payton
Jasmin	Zhang		Payton
Linnrue	Wei		Payton
Chris	Harris	63E	Von Steuben

The following students will advance to the IJAS State Paper-Symposium Sessions. Please come to the stage...

**Emily Ba
Saatvik Viniak
Landra Ream
Griffin Stofko**

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**Nayana Shah
Ethan Hui
Eva Weber
Saskia Weisgerber
Nicholas Bernstein
Jason Lukian
Daphne Suckow
Olivia Jones
Sophia Curry
Elena Diaz
Sophie Yu
Anna Tataryn**

The following four students are invited to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) for High School Only, in Columbus Ohio. Travel, lodging and meals will be provided.

Winners

**Diego Landeros - Lane Tech
Alexander Czempinski - Lane Tech
Khushi Pusnur - Payton
Julia Kwiek - Northside**

If one of the above finalists cannot attend, the following Alternates in order will be chosen to attend in their place.

Alternates

**Landra Ream - Lane Tech
Anaya Joshi - Payton**

Carmen Mahon will talk about accessing the Program book through QR Code and will give some remarks

Elizabeth S. Copper acknowledges Alan Reisberg to WAVE

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Elizabeth announces that IJAS students are to come back to the stage where they will receive their awards packet, and fill out their 2025 City CPS Exhibition of Student STEM Research registration paperwork for STATE.

ISEF students and alternates will meet the photographer in front of the step and repeat for a group picture. A brief info session will take place after the photo. In auditorium

All student participants need their name badges to collect their award packets from the Little Theater. YOU WILL STAY IN LINE AND FOLLOW YOUR LINE JUDGES .

Parents please stay in your seats until all students have left the auditorium.

Thank you for participating in the 75th Anniversary Annual Chicago Public Schools Exhibition of Student STEM Research back in person. This concludes the 75th Awards Ceremony. THANK YOU!

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