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SARASOTA STUDENTS HONORED AT STATE SCIENCE FAIR

Education Foundation of Sarasota County Sends Twelve to State Competition

Sarasota, FL (April 2017) – The Education Foundation of Sarasota County is pleased to announce that nine students from Sarasota County took home awards at the 2017 State Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) of Florida held March 28-30, 2017, at The Lakeland Center in Lakeland, Florida. This year's Fair exhibited 820+ projects with over 875 Finalists in Junior (grades 6-8) and Senior Sections (grades 9-12). Two of the award recipients from Sarasota High School, Codi Elliott and Katie Savage, will represent Sarasota County at the 2017 Intel International Science Fair to be held in May.

A list of winners from Sarasota County Schools are as follows:

McIntosh Middle

Kassie Greenan (8th grade) - 4th place Earth and Environmental Science / NASA Earth System Science Award

Gavin Putnal (8th grade) - 3rd place Chemistry

Pine View

Sonica Prakash (7th grade)- 4th place Biomedical and Health Sciences

Sarasota High

Codi Elliott (12th grade) - 1st place Cellular/Molecular Biology & Biochemistry

Savannah Jordan (12th grade) - 3rd place Behavioral & Social Sciences

Teerth Patel (12th grade) - 3rd place Biomedical and Health Sciences

Kaitlyn Richards (11th grade) - 3rd place Microbiology

Katie Savage (10th grade) - 2nd place Engineering / Florida Engineering Foundation Award

Josh Yunis (11th grade) - Society for in vitro Biology Award

Josh Yunis (11th) and Ben Klein (12th grade) - South Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair Award

Twelve students from Sarasota County, 8 high school and 4 middle school, qualified to participate in the state competition following wins in the 2017 STEM Summit hosted by the Education Foundation of Sarasota County in partnership with Sarasota County Schools. This is the third year the Education Foundation funded sending students to SSEF, and the first year sending middle school students. The results were a true testament to the amazing work STEM work being taught in area schools.

About the Education Foundation of Sarasota County

The Education Foundation of Sarasota County is a supporting partner that exponentially enhances the educational experiences available to the children of Sarasota County. Its mission is to strengthen the community by investing in educational opportunities for the students, teachers and schools. The Foundation works to match donor's passions with high-impact projects and initiatives that help every child in Sarasota County rise to their full potential. It achieves this mission through scholarships, access to advanced technology, supplies needed for creativity to flourish and funds for educators' professional development. The Education Foundation of Sarasota County and its philanthropic investors are champions for students, teachers and schools.

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