



NOBCChE Announces 2016 NOBCChE National Science Fair Winners

Raleigh, NC, December 1, 2016– Jordan Purcell from Arabia Mountain High School, GA won first prize during the 2016 NOBCChE National Science Fair Senior Division (High School) November 10 Raleigh Convention Center. High School students who won second and third place include Attallah Smith and Camille Jones (Arabia Mountain High School, GA) and Victoria Land (William Wirt Middle School, MD). Junior Division winners included Samuel Christian (Charter School for Applied Technology, NY), Elianna Polesky (Greenbelt Middle School, MD), and Nedim Yusuf (Imagine Hope Tolson Charter School, Washington DC) for first, second and third place respectively.

Twenty-three students from middle and high schools across the country competed for the National NOBCChE Science Fair medals. Many of these students spent months preparing for this event, which featured projects across the physical sciences, math & engineering, consumer science, and biological sciences. The contestants had to qualify by submitting an abstract, create a trifold poster, submit a written report and answer questions from a variety of judges.

In addition to receiving medals, students were also eligible to receive the Twiggs-Seymore Award, Peoples' Choice Award. Twiggs-Seymore Award winners included Jordan Purcell (Arabia Mountain High School, GA) and Samuel Christian (Charter School for Applied Technology, NY) and they received certificates for their next year's science fair supplies. Starting in 2015, NOBCChE launched the Peoples' Choice (PC) Science Fair Awards with over 100 votes. The 2016 NOBCChE PC winners comprised of Andrew Wilson (Greenbelt Middle School, MD) and Attallah Smith and Camille Jones (Arabia Mountain High School, GA).

National sponsors included NSF, ACS, The Air Force Technical Applications Center, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Volunteers came from various institutions including representatives from P&G, Dow Chemical Company, Duke University, LSU, Tuskegee, Michigan State University, NSF, ACS and North Carolina A&T State University. Closing remarks during the Awards dinner were made from Dr. Kent Guion, Chief Diversity Director of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

The NOBCChE National Science Fair for many years has inspired students to excel in math, science, engineering fields. For more information about the NOBCChE K-12 Science Outreach initiatives, contact Steven Thomas, NOBCChE Secondary Education Committee Chair at 517-721-1519.
