

Local youth chosen to represent NL in national science fair

St. Johns (NL) – April 11th, 2017 – One of the biggest competitions of the year was held in the gymnasium at Macdonald Drive Junior High over the weekend. But it wasn't a sports tournament. Over 200 curious young scientists participated in the Husky Energy Eastern Newfoundland Science and Technology Fair.



Photo: Aaron Sakar, Kurtis Collins, Nora Boone, Richard Pratt, Yvonne Dawe, Erin Baker, Nisarg Dave, Noha Shehata, Clara Phillips

“Science Fairs are a tremendous opportunity for youth to become engaged in science and technology”
Erin Baker, Co-chair of the Eastern Newfoundland Science Fairs Council.

Six students from the fair will go on to represent eastern NL at the Canada Wide Science Fair this May in Regina, Saskatchewan. These include Kurtis Collins (Waterford Valley High) Nisarg Dave (Gonzaga High), Aaron Sarkar (MacDonald Drive Junior High), as well as Nora Boone, Clara Phillips and Noha Shehata (Holy Heart High).

Nora Boone of Holy Heart was awarded “Best of Fair” with her project "It's only Brain Surgery!" 3D Printing: a simulation tool to train Non-Neurosurgeons to perform Emergency Craniotomies.

At the fair, Husky Energy presented the Eastern Newfoundland Science Fairs Council with \$45,000 to mark their continuing support of the event.

“Husky is proud to be the title sponsor of the fair,” said Richard Pratt, Vice President of Developments for Husky Energy. “Our oil and gas industry could use these creative thinkers. We need people who challenge the status quo and who are not afraid to look for new ways of doing things.”

“We are so pleased to have Husky’s support of the fair and to continue to provide a venue for challenge”, Yvonne Dawe, Co-chair of the Eastern Newfoundland Science Fairs Council.