

## THE 2018 HUSKY ENERGY EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

This year the fair was hosted by Waterford Valley High. The fair was held on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14. On Friday morning students attended tours offered from several departments and research facilities at Memorial University and the Ocean Sciences Centre in Logy Bay. Tours were followed by judging in the afternoon. There were over 80 judges, many of whom are professors, instructors and graduate students at MUN. There were 130 students from 15 schools on the Avalon Peninsula, both junior and senior high, competing. These schools included Crescent Collegiate, Gonzaga, Holy Heart, Holy Spirit, L'école Rocher-du-Norde, L'école des grand vents, Lakecrest, MacDonald Drive Junior, Mount Pearl Senior, St. Bonaventure's College, St. Kevin's Junior, St. Michael's, St. Peter's, Villanova and Waterford Valley.

On Saturday, the public viewing and awards ceremony was attended by approximately 500 people. The emcees for the ceremony were Erin Baker, Co-Chair and Yvonne Dawe, past chair and current communications officer of the Eastern Newfoundland Science Fairs Council, (ENSFC), the group of volunteers that organizes the fair each year. Representatives from the major sponsors of the fair assisted with the presentation of awards. These included Mr. Jim Piercey, Manager of Production Operations, Atlantic Region, Husky Energy; Dr. Mary Courage, Dean of Science, MUN; Dr. Irene O'Brien, Dean, CNA School of Health Sciences; Yvonne Lannon, Instructional Coordinator, CNA School of Engineering Technology; Dr. Dale Kirby, Minister, Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development; Mr Larry Eddy, Program Specialist, Science and Technology, NL English School District.

One of the highlights of the awards ceremony was the awarding of the grand awards which includes the selection of the 6 students that will represent Eastern Newfoundland at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Ottawa, in May. These included Jasmine Rahman and Henley Mullins from St. Bonaventure's College, Oishi Hawlader from Gonzaga, and Mitchell Hynes, Chris Peacock and Aaron Sarkar, all students from Holy Heart. Chris Peacock received the Marine Institute Entrance Scholarship (\$1000), Oishi Hawlader received MUN's Faculty of Science scholarship (\$2550), and Jasmine Rahman was awarded the "Husky Energy Best of Fair" Prize (\$500).



Jamie Parsons (ENSFC Co-chair), Henley Mullins, Mitchell Hynes, Aaron Sarkar, Jim Piercey (Husky Energy), Chris Peacock, Oishi Hawlader, Erin Baker (ENSFC Co-chair)

Of the 105 projects, over half were recognized with medals and awards. There were 15 honourable mentions and 56 medals presented (25 gold, 16 silver, 15 bronze). As well, over 50 special awards from a number of MUN faculties and departments (Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Physics, Psychology, Engineering, Medicine and Ocean Sciences), CNA, and other organizations (NAACAP, IEEE, RAS, Conservation Corps, NL Institute of Agrologists, NL Lung Assoc, NL College for Medical Lab Sciences, Neety Panu, SHAD and WISE) were presented. The monetary value of all prizes, including the all-expenses paid trip to the national competition, totaled over \$20 000. As well, the 6 grand award winners were each presented with a stuffed husky dog from Husky Energy.

A list of all winners can be found at <http://eastern.scifairs.k12.nf.ca/eastern.html>

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