

News Release: PGCPs Students Win Local County Science Fair

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – The Science Department at Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) recently hosted the 67th Annual Prince George's Area Science Fair (PGASF), where two PGCPS students were selected as grand award winners.

Emma Thrift, student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, won in the Environmental Management category, presenting on the topic: Pheromone Trap Cropping of Harlequin Bug. Oreoluwa Aluko, student at Charles H. Flowers High School, won in the Animal Sciences category, presenting on the topic: The Effect of Fatty Acids on Overwintering Success of Honeybees.

Both students will represent PGCPS at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) from May 10-15 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"We look forward to this event every year because it gives our students the opportunity to showcase and discuss their exceptional STEAM projects with the community," said Godfrey Rangasammy, supervisor of science for PGCPS. "These students have won their school's science fair and are always excited about participating in such a well-recognized and competitive event. We are extremely proud of our students and the hard work it took for them to get here."

The PGASF allows students to demonstrate their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) skills to the community. This year, the fair was themed, "Dreaming Today to Discover Tomorrow: Producing the Next Generation of STEM Leaders." There were over 500 projects on display highlighting work from public school students in Calvert, Saint Mary's, and Prince George's counties, as well as from students enrolled in Prince George's County charter and private schools. Judging took place on Saturday, March 21 and winners were recognized during an awards ceremony.

In addition to Thrift and Aluko's grand award win, over 50 PGCPS students received science fair awards. Traditional awards were presented in the senior division, (Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12) and junior division (Grades 6, 7 and 8). Additionally, representatives presented several Special Awards and recognitions from more than 30 agencies, associations, societies and businesses.

For a list of the award winners in the 2015 PGASF, [click here \(http://www1.pgcps.org/science/index.aspx?id=208156\)](http://www1.pgcps.org/science/index.aspx?id=208156).