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## NTID Announces Science Fair Winners

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Winners have been announced in the 2008 National Science Fair for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students, hosted by the NTID.

More than 50 contestants from 14 schools in 10 states brought their exhibits to Rochester, N.Y. during the competition, held March 14 to March 16, 2008. The contestants had their expenses paid to attend the competition, with the exception of their transportation costs.

"The quality of the projects was top-notch," said Heather Emerson Jeremy, assistant director of pre-college outreach. "A lot of observers, including the judges, were quite impressed with the science projects."

The goal of the Science Fair is to promote interest in technology, science, engineering and math among 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders with hearing loss.

First, second and third places were awarded to middle school students, high school students and in the team division. First prize in each division was awarded \$500; second-place winners received \$300 and third-place winners received \$200. Each winner also received a plaque.

The winners are:

### High School Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Victoria Rainey, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Illinois School for the Deaf, Jacksonville, Ill. for "First and Second Hand Smoke."
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Nathan Burleson, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Arkansas School for the Deaf, Little Rock, Ark. for "Wind Turbine."
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jared Treichel, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Minnesota North Star Academy, St. Paul, Minn. for "Testing the Magnetic Field and Plasma Interactions."

### Middle School Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Sara Stanislow, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Barker Road Middle School, Pittsford, N.Y. for "Does the Insulation Really Work?"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Kayla Thornton, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Farnsworth Middle School, Guilderland, N.Y.

for "What is the Effect of Non-Organic Shampoo vs. Organic Shampoo on Hair."

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Edwin Ortiz-Gonzalez, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Delaware School for the Deaf, Newark, Del. for "Hot Wheels Formula Fuelers Racers."

### Team Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Knolis Davis (12<sup>th</sup> grade), Zobia Malik (11<sup>th</sup> grade) and Frankie Repici (10<sup>th</sup> grade) for "How Chemicals Contaminate Our Watersheds."
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Maryland School for the Deaf, Celine Daze and Jenna Richmond, both in 12<sup>th</sup> grade, for "Sugar in Food."
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Arizona School for the Deaf, Nathaniel Amann, (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and Steven Smith (8<sup>th</sup> grade) for "Fire Resistant Building Materials."
- Honorable Mention: Minnesota North Star Academy, Brienna Herold, (10<sup>th</sup> grade) and Scott Symes (11<sup>th</sup> grade) for "Perceptive vs. Reality."

This was the third year for the Science Fair. Plans are underway for the 2009 National Science Fair. Details will be posted on the [Science Fair Web site](#).

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