

The Nebraska Junior Academy of Sciences (NJAS) held the annual State Science and Engineering fair, on April 25th at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Randy Lienemann, President of NJAS indicated a total of 68 projects by 75 students from 33 Nebraska schools qualified for NJAS through six regional fairs held earlier this spring across Nebraska. Students competed in two divisions: Grades 6-8 in the Junior Division: Grades 9-12 in the Senior Division. Judges selected 7 Senior Division students to advance to the American Junior Academy of Sciences Conference next February in Seattle, Washington. While there, students will present their research in a poster session to scientists and peers from across the country, tour area STEM-related academic facilities and attend sessions at the AAAS Annual Conference. The top 7 Senior Projects receiving the “2019 Nebraska NJAS State Science Fair Medallion” were:

- Tristan Weston-Adams Central
- Tyler Slechta-Adams Central
- Gabrielle Krutsinger-Chase County
- Daniel Stara – David City Aquinas
- Anjali Pullabhotla-Millard
- Katie Bathke-Allen Consolidated
- Braydon Dreher-UNMC High School Alliance

Bathke, Pullabhotla and Stara have previously presented their research at AJAS

The top 10 Junior Projects receiving the “2019 Nebraska NJAS State Science Fair Medallion” were:

- Jenna Cecrle-Adams Central
- Kolby Denke-Chadron
- Samantha Bonifas-Silver Lake
- Ellie Stein-Ashland Greenwood
- Jackson Graves-Hastings
- Brieann Bruns-Pender
- Elaina McHargue-Central City
- Madelynn Hanes-Chase County
- Keoni Anding-McMillan Magnet
- Madison Doming-Seward

Twenty businesses, educational institutions and military provided additional awards including books, medallions, backpacks, cash prizes and scholarships.

For four decades, NJAS has sponsored the State science and Engineering fair. NJAS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that seeks to stimulate science education and to encourage young people to become involved in science. As an affiliate of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences, all student participants receive a one-year membership to the Nebraska Academy of Sciences. For more information about NJAS, visit <http://www.nebraskajunioracademyofsciences.org>, @NebJrAcadSci on Twitter.

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