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DSISD STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL AT REGIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs ISD was represented by 112 student projects (70 secondary, 42 elementary) at the 2015 Austin Energy Regional Science Festival held Feb. 19-20, with many projects being recognized.

At the secondary level, three projects placed first in their categories and one placed second; these projects have earned the right to advance to the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair March 26-29, 2015, in San Antonio.

Sophomore Katelynne Marsan's project, "Effects of Collaboration on Student Productivity, Accuracy and Retention," was first in Behavioral and Social Sciences and won a special award from the American Psychological Association. It received a "Best in Fair" designation, which automatically qualifies Katelynne for the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh this May.

Sophomore Zach Reid's project, "Evaporation Prevention Monolayers," placed second in the Environmental Management category and won three special awards: the Excellence in Water Award, Stockholm Jr. Water Prize and Superintendent's Award.

Also placing first was Ben Marsan's project "Accelerating Machine Learning with Graphical Processing Units" in the category Computer Science, and Christian Pundt's Project "It's Not a Fase" in Behavioral and Social Sciences. Those two projects received Broadcom Masters SSP Awards.

In addition, the four DSISD secondary students who placed first or second were invited to present their projects at the SXSW Edu Conference in March.

Students from all three DSISD elementary schools (Dripping Springs Elementary, Rooster Springs Elementary, Walnut Springs Elementary) were successful at the festival, where projects receive either a first-, second-, or third-place designation. Twenty-two individual projects took top honors in their respective categories, more than half of those entered.

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