

## News from Dripping Springs ISD

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### **SUCCESS AT REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR**

Dripping Springs ISD was represented by nine secondary student projects at the 2017 Austin Energy Regional Science Festival, with many projects being recognized.

Two projects placed first in their categories, including a high school project that was named “Best of Fair” and received an automatic invitation to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. In addition, one placed second, and two placed third; three earned the right to advance to the Texas Science and Engineering Fair March 31-April 1, 2017, in San Antonio.

Katelynne Marsan and brother Ben teamed up on the project “Homemade Cycling Power Meter” in the category Computer Science: Embedded Systems/Hardware. In addition to the “Best of Fair” Award, the project won first in its category, a \$1,000 Intel Excellence in Computer Science Award, and the Superintendent’s Award. The Marsans will go to Los Angeles in May for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Also placing first was eighth-grader Jadon Putnam with his project “Get a Grip” in the Robotics and Intelligent Machines category. He was awarded the Broadcom Masters SSP Award.

In the Engineering Mechanics category, junior Adam Matthews placed second and won the Yale Science and Engineering Award with his project "From the Ground Up." He will be moving on to the state fair.

Two team projects submitted by Dripping Springs Middle School eighth-graders placed third – “Engineering a Cloud Chamber” (Engineering Mechanics) by Ian Stinson and Coleman Chapman and “The Effects of 3.3, 5, 12 and 0 Volts (Plant Sciences) on Bean Plants” by Jonathan Bartling and Drew Wilson. In addition, seventh-grader Johnathon Byrnes was fifth in Robotics and Intelligent Machines with his project “Sea Sweeper.” Byrnes was recognized with the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Naval Science Award. In the Engineering Mechanics category, freshman Johnny Dollard placed fourth with his project "Spread Out."

The entries of 42 students from all three DSISD elementary schools (Dripping Springs Elementary, Rooster Springs Elementary, Walnut Springs Elementary) will attend Saturday, where projects receive either a first-, second-, or third-place designation.