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## **55<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SUDBURY REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

**(SUDBURY, ON)** – For 55 years, students in grades 7 to 12 from the Sudbury area have been exploring and discovering science through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) projects. They share their work at school, school board, and regional science fairs. Each year, top students bring projects to the regional science fair, showcasing science experiments, studies, and innovative endeavours that have taken weeks, and sometimes even months, of effort.

This year, the Sudbury Regional Science Fair (SRSF) took place at the Cliff Fielding Research, Innovation, and Engineering Building at Laurentian University on April 5th, with the Award Ceremony held on April 6th.

Fifty-six professional scientists and engineers from the community judged the projects. After two rounds of judging, they selected the divisional and special award winners. A select group of judges reviewed the top projects in the fair, ultimately selecting seven students who will represent Sudbury at the Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF).

SRSF successfully judged 52 projects involving 77 participants from the Greater Sudbury region. These students represented the Rainbow District School Board, the Sudbury Catholic District School Board, the Sudbury Christian Academy and le Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord. The projects, which showcased a variety of scientific initiatives, were judged by professional scientists throughout the day on April 5, a very important component of the regional science fair. The judging resulted in winners for 22 divisional awards, including 5 honourable mentions, and 37 special awards.

The regional fair culminated with the award ceremony in the Fraser Auditorium at Laurentian University on Sunday, April 6. During this event, it was announced which students would represent our region at this year's Canada-Wide Science Fair, to be held in Fredericton, New Brunswick, marking its first return to Fredericton since 2019, the last in-person CWSF pre-pandemic.

The Sudbury Regional Science Fair Committee congratulates all the participants and winners of the 2025 Sudbury Regional Science Fair. Additionally, the ceremony serves as an opportunity to express gratitude to the sponsors and donors who make it

possible for the SRSF to continue providing an engaging science experience for local students.

The students selected to attend the 2025 CWSF are:

STUDENT	SCHOOL	PROJECT	AWARDS
Eden Abols	Lockerby Composite Secondary School, Rainbow District School Board	Ferrum Fungi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best in Fair 2025</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> place – Intermediate Life Sciences</li> <li>• Modern Mining and Technology Sudbury Committee - Modern Mining and Technology Sudbury Award</li> <li>• Ontario Power Generation – Environmental Award</li> <li>• Sudbury Regional Science Fair - Canada Wide Science Fair Participant</li> </ul>
Felix Naghi	Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, Rainbow District School Board	BIOGEN: Bone Implant Optimization & Generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> place – Intermediate Computer Science</li> <li>• Ontario Power Generation - Innovation Award</li> <li>• Bharti School of Engineering and Computer Science – Computer Science Award</li> <li>• Sudbury Regional Science Fair - Canada Wide Science Fair Participant</li> </ul>
August Zhao & Emmett Prodan	Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, Rainbow District School Board	Filter Face-Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> place – Junior Physical Sciences</li> <li>• Sudbury Regional Science Fair - Canada Wide Science Fair Participants</li> </ul>
Mercia Thompson	Marymount Academy, Sudbury Catholic District School Board	Anti-Pull Collar For Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st place – Junior Engineering</li> <li>• Sudbury Regional Science Fair - Canada</li> </ul>

			Wide Science Fair Participant
Antonia Gonzalez Cubillos & Helia Dabiri	Lockerby Composite Secondary School, Rainbow District School Board	Will this stop bacteria?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st place – Intermediate Life Sciences</li> <li>• Jack &amp; Maija Ceming - City View Gardens – Chemistry Award</li> <li>• Sudbury Regional Science Fair - Canada Wide Science Fair Participants</li> </ul>

For a list of all the divisional and special award winners, please visit:

<https://srsf.science-ation.ca/winners.php>

### **Ambassador of Science Award 2025:**

Each year, the Sudbury Regional Science Fair recognizes one educator from the Sudbury Region with the Science Ambassador Award. The honour is awarded to a local educator who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to engaging their students in STEM education, particularly the Science Fair, going above and beyond to share their passion for science. It was first awarded in 2015 and every year since, except for 2020. For 2025, our Science Ambassador Award recipient is Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School's Ms. Haley Marshall.

Not only have Ms. Marshall's students excelled in Science Fair at both the Board, Regional and Canada Wide Science Fair competitions, with an amazing 17 groups of students from her classrooms represented at this year's Regional Science Fair, but Ms. Marshall has also been involved in volunteering her time at the national science fair level, serving as one of the chaperones for our 2024 Canada Wide Science Fair delegates when they travelled to Ottawa for the week-long event last year.

Her deservingness of this award may be best exemplified by the words of her principal, Ms. Pamela Potvin, who said:

"Haley is a beloved member of the Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School staff. She teaches science and STEM to all our grade 7 and 8 students. Haley has truly brought science learning to life in our intermediate program. Her enthusiasm and passion for science education are evident in everything that she does, which has resulted in a love of science among our students. Haley's focus has been hands-on experiential learning in the science classroom, and she is dedicated to having all students participate in the Science Fair. Our Science Fair results over the last few years are indicative of this. On

behalf of the students and staff at Lo-Ellen Park, we congratulate Haley on this outstanding recognition."

The award was accepted by Ms. Abby O'Bonsawin on her behalf.

### **NEW Logo Contest**

We are excited to announce the rebranding of the Sudbury Regional Science Fair to the Sudbury Regional **STEM** Fair. As part of this transformation, we are launching a logo design contest to create a modern and innovative logo that reflects our commitment to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. We invite all creative minds to participate and help us shape the future of STEM education in our community. For more details on the contest, including design guidelines, deliverables, and submission instructions, please refer to the creative brief (<https://srsf.ca/logo-contest>).

About the Sudbury Regional Science Fair:

The Sudbury Regional Science Fair (SRSF) offers hands-on science experiences to students from grades 7 to 12. It wishes to encourage teachers to use project-based science in the classroom to get students interested in science. This experience connects students to professional scientists, whether through mentorship of their project or through the judging experience at the fair. Since its inception in 1969, approximately 5,500 students have participated at the regional science fair level, and over 300 students have had all-expense-paid trips to the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

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