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Keep Akron Beautiful Awards Student Science Projects

A sponsor judge of the Akron Public Schools' Science, Math, and Technology Expo 2018, Keep Akron Beautiful awarded four students for their environmental projects. The awarded experiments involved making and testing biodegradable plastic, a window airflow apparatus, a natural purification system and a solar oven.

Akron, Ohio (January 29, 2018) – Science can make you appreciate how important and beautiful nature can be. With that thought in mind, two volunteer judges for Keep Akron Beautiful (KAB) attended the 62nd Annual Akron Public Schools (APS) Science, Math and Technology (SMT) Expo with the purpose of choosing projects that addressed environmental concerns. The event was Saturday, January 27, 2018, at North High School.

The two judges in attendance this year were Kevin Lockett of Lockett Media, who is a KAB Board Member and substitute teacher, and Cindy Pantea of the KAB staff.

An award of a \$100 Visa gift card went to Amora Thomas, a 10th grader at East High School, for her project “Biodegradable Plastic.” Thomas made plastic out of natural materials and tested the rate of decomposition of each type made. Her instructor is Coach Braho.

An award of a \$75 Visa gift card went to John Whorton, a 5th grader at National Inventors Hall of Fame (S.T.E.M. Learning), for his project “Airflow Cooling Different Rooms.” Whorton made a homemade airflow apparatus to fit in a window and tested for a reduction in room temperature. His instructor is Coach Beebe

An award of a \$50 Visa gift card went to Emily McGuire, a 6th grader at National Inventors Hall of Fame (S.T.E.M. Learning), for her project “Water Purifier.” McGuire used natural materials to clean dirty water. Her instructor is Coach Justiss

A second award of a \$50 Visa gift card went to Da'Vonte Whiteside, a 10th grader at East High School, for his project, “Solar Cooking.” Whiteside made a solar oven and recorded the solar baking process of cookies. His instructor is Busker-Postlethw.

We must never forget the importance of science and how breakthroughs can help humanity. Bravo to the students of Akron Public Schools who participated in the science fair and made their individual explorations.

About Keep Akron Beautiful: *Keep Akron Beautiful is a 501(c)(3) agency serving the citizens of Akron by improving Akron's quality of life through beautification and responsible environmental management. For program information, visit www.keepakronbeautiful.org.*

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