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San Mateo County Students Win Big at Science Fair

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF. – More than two dozen students from across San Mateo County received awards for their projects at the San Francisco Bay Area Science Fair, an annual event that encourages students in grades 7–12 to conduct original scientific research.

Projects are judged on a wide range of criteria, including whether the data was gathered in a reliable way, whether the student showed originality of thought in the design of the experiment and whether the average person would be able to understand what was being displayed.

Students from 15 local schools and districts took home 11 first-place prizes, seven second-place prizes, five third-place prizes and seven fourth-place prizes. Five projects also received special awards from Yale Science, the Northern California Institute of Food Technology, the Association for Women Geoscientists, the ASU Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiative, Ricoh Sustainable Development and the ASM Materials Education Foundation.

San Mateo County also had two grand prize winners: Patrick Kao of Menlo-Atherton High School and Andrew Land of La Entrada Middle School, who both won the Physical Science categories in their respective divisions.

Winners are eligible to compete in the California State Science Fair in Los Angeles on May 23–24. To view the full list of results, visit <https://sfbasf.org/results>.

Congratulations to all participants!

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