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## **NEWS – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Solano County Office of Education Awards 2019 Science and Engineering Fair Winners**

FAIRFIELD - Careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) have grown tremendously. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 2010–2020 employment in science and engineering will grow by 18.7%, compared to 14.3% for all other occupations. This rapid growth has created a STEM worker shortage in the U.S. To address this, the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) has joined widespread efforts to boost interest in STEM among students. “We were honored to host the 2019 Solano County Science and Engineering Fair. It was an excellent opportunity for our middle and high school students to apply science and engineering skills to investigate problems, gather and evaluate evidence, and develop conclusions. We are confident this event inspired students to consider a career in science, engineering, or a related field,” said Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Winners of the Solano County Science and Engineering Fair, held on March 29<sup>th</sup>, are:

#### **Junior Division**

##### **Earth Science:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Brooklynn Filstrup, Green Valley Middle, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Briana Cabusao, Solano Middle, Vallejo City Unified School District  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Mara Reyes & Jessica Rodriguez, Hogan Middle, Vallejo City Unified School District

##### **Life Science:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Maya Chakraverty, Benicia Middle, Benicia Unified School District  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Bruce Bande & Kaycee Lagmay, Hogan Middle, Vallejo City Unified School District  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Sarah Davis, Green Valley Middle, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District

##### **Physical Science:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Ryan Menefee, Caliber: ChangeMakers, Vallejo  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Aaron Strong, Green Valley Middle, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Nadia Kho, Green Valley Middle, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District

**Over-all Junior Division Winner:** Ryan Menefee, Caliber: ChangeMakers Academy, Vallejo

#### **Senior Division**

##### **Earth Science:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mayah Gantt, Vanden High, Travis Unified School District  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Arianna Bien & Jaqueline Ramirez, Vanden High, Travis Unified School District  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Marcus Miller & Michael Maggiore, Vanden High, Travis Unified School District

**Life Science:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Simran Kaur & Ronamae Villarosa, Vanden High, Travis Unified School District

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kayla Davis & Ashley Johnson, Vanden High, Travis Unified School District

3<sup>rd</sup>: Angela Kang, Vanden High, Travis Unified School District

**Physical Science:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Adam Mitchell, St. Patrick-St. Vincent High, Vallejo

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff Porquez, Vanden High, Travis Unified School District

3<sup>rd</sup>: Dylan Hewett, Vanden High, Travis Unified School District

**Over-all Senior Division Winner:** Mayah Gantt, Vanden High, Travis Unified School District

First place winners are eligible to enter the California State Science and Engineering Fair, held at the California Science Center in Los Angeles, April 29-30.

For more information about the Science and Engineering Fair, contact Lilibeth Pinpin, Director of Innovative Programs and Student Success, at [lpinpin@solanocoe.net](mailto:lpinpin@solanocoe.net) or 707-399-4439.

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