



Press Release

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STUDENTS EXCEL OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM AT CONCEPT SCHOOLS' SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

Saturday, March 3, 2012: Around 500 students from seven Midwest states showcased their impressive, independently created projects at Concept Schools' 9th Annual Science and Engineering Fair on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Cleveland State University. Concept Schools, a not-for-profit charter school management company, manages 27 tuition-free, high performing, college preparatory schools in the Midwest with a math, science and technology emphasis.

Students competed in 14 categories ranging from health science, physics and zoology to engineering, biochemistry and computer science in a junior division (grades 5-8) and senior division (grades 9-12). 230 judges from colleges, universities and schools assessed the student projects based on a comprehensive rubric. The results from **Horizon Science Academy-Dayton Downtown** are as follows:

- **3 Gold Medals**
- **3 Silver Medals**
- **3 Bronze Medals**
- **1 Honorable Mansion**

The awards ceremony began with the Horizon Science Academy Cleveland High School Color Guard and Drill Team presentation followed by the band playing the National Anthem. CONSEF was pleased to welcome Ohio State Representative Bill Patmon as the keynote speaker. Representative Patmon, an influential member of the House Education Committee, inspired students, parents and community members, passed out student medals and took photos with students.

All students received recognition for their high-quality projects in various ways, including medals, certificates, trophies and monetary awards. The 'Best of Fair' winner received an HP Touchpad. CONSEF integrated art into science by organizing a design contest for the fair and recognized the winner, Kashi Johnson, by \$250 monetary award.

CONSEF is open to all students, including public, charter, private and home schooled students in grades 5 through 12. Concept aims to promote STEM education in early grades by giving students the chance gain recognition for their hard work.

Additional information may be found on the CONSEF website: www.consef.org.