



# DELAWARE VALLEY SCIENCE FAIRS, INC.

## Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2017 Awards Ceremony May 19, 2017 Los Angeles, California

Society for Science and the Public, in partnership with the Intel Foundation, announced Awards of the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) 2017. Student winners are ninth through twelfth graders who earned the right to compete at the Intel ISEF 2017 by winning a top prize at a local, regional, state, or national fair. This year's Intel International Science and Engineering Fair featured approximately 1,800 young scientists selected from 422 affiliate fairs in more than 75 countries, regions and territories.

### Award winners from the Delaware Valley Science Fairs

#### **Mathematics:**

**Karthik Yegnesh**, 17, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Methacton High School, Eagleville, PA

*The Homotopy Theory of Parametrized Objects*

Best of Category: \$5,000

Grand Award: First Place - \$3,000

Intel Foundation Cultural and Scientific Visit to China Award

Special Award: - MIT – Lincoln Laboratory, Ceres Connection – Lifetime Naming of an Asteroid

#### **Biomedical Engineering:**

**Lor1 Zhang**, 17, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, High Technology High School, Lincroft, NJ

*Refining a Novel Device to Decrease the Risk of Vesicovaginal and Rectovaginal Fistulae during Labor.*

Special Award: U.S Agency for International Development – First Award - \$3,000

#### **Computational Biology and Bioinformatics:**

**Sagar Maheshwari**, 18, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Unionville High School, Kennett Square, PA

*SiteKey: A Novel Binding Site Predictor for Ordered Proteins Interacting with Intrinsically Disordered Proteins.*

Grand Award: Third Place - \$1,000

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### **Embedded Systems:**

**Eric He**, 16, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, High Technology High School, Lincroft, NJ

*Assembly of a Novel CO<sub>2</sub> Based Heat Zone Design to Optimize Absorption During Optic Fiber Processing.*

Grand Award: Second Place - \$1,500

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### **Energy: Physical:**

**Farid Shahid** 15, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Parkland High School, Allentown, PA

*Developing an Optimal Novel Unconventional Wind Turbine.*

Special Award: Arconic Foundation, Sustainable Urban Design – Third Place - \$1,000

**Sathya Edamadaka**, 15, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, High Technology High School, Lincroft, NJ

*Virtually Perfect Photovoltaic Cells: A Novel and Adaptive Approach to Modeling Quantum Dot Templates Optimized for Varied Light Conditions.*

Special Award: Arizona State University - Four Year Scholarship

### **Systems Software:**

**Neil Deshmukh**, 15, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Moravian Academy, Bethlehem, PA

*SCIN: An Application to Detect and Diagnose Plant and Skin Diseases Utilizing a Feed Forward Convolutional Neural Network.*

Grand Award: Second Place - \$1,500

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### **Wolfram Research, Inc.:**

Wolfram Research presents all Intel ISEF Finalists with a complimentary license of “Mathematic” software for students, as well as a free 1 year subscription to Wolfram-Alpha Pro.

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