2020 Teacher Awards
2020 SMU Teacher Awards

Each day, great science teachers guide, encourage, and motivate students. Teachers impress curiosity in their students, which enables growth and learning. Over 200 teachers enter their students in the Regional Fair.

The Science Fair Teacher Award Committee is recognizing twenty teachers for their dedication and commitment to students. These top teachers were selected by the number, performance, and success rate of their students at the fair.

Southern Methodist University and the DRSEF are proud to honor these teachers.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Daniel Anaya RENNER MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Sarah Baldwin PIONEER HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Maritza Bradshaw OTTO MIDDLE SCHOOL
MaryAnn Cowley OTTO MIDDLE SCHOOL
Anya McCarthy RICE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Nahid Nikpour BRIGHTER HORIZONS MS
Jason Pearson LAWLER MIDDLE SCHOOL
Kelli Tenant PEARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
Melissa VanHouten RICE MIDDLE SCHOOL

SENIOR DIVISION

Holly Anderson COPPELL HIGH SCHOOL
Julie Baker PLANO EAST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Vashka Desai JASPER HIGH SCHOOL
Cathy Douglas COPPELL HIGH SCHOOL
Amanda Dunn PLANO EAST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Tiffany Grimes PLANO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Anna Henicke SHEPTON HIGH SCHOOL
Rhonda Kurtz MCMILLEN HIGH SCHOOL
Neil Milburn PLANO WEST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Teresa Walls JASPER HIGH SCHOOL
2020 Fluor First Teacher Award

This year’s Science Fair quest began in August 2018, with the Fluor Science Fair Teacher Workshop hosted by the Caruth Institute for Engineering Education at Southern Methodist University.

Around 45 teachers from local public and private schools attended, including many new to the regional science fair.

To encourage teachers from schools entering their students in the DRSEF for the first time in 2018, the Science Fair Teacher Award Committee recognizes teachers with Fluor First Awards for their initiative and their commitment to students. They are selected by the number, performance, and success rate of their students at the fair.

Fluor and the DRSEF are proud to honor the Junior Division Award to:

Saira Cherian
Harmony School of Innovation, Dallas MS Charter

Fluor and the DRSEF are proud to honor the Senior Division Award to:

Yaritza Ortiz
R L Turner High School
Carrollton-Farmers Branch