

## THE 2015 EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR



For the first time in its history the Eastern Newfoundland Science and Technology Fair was hosted by Holy Heart High School. Husky Energy was again our title sponsor. The fair was held on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18. On Friday morning students attended tours. In addition to the many traditional tours offered at Memorial University, students could also choose to attend some new options this year namely those offered at the College of the North Atlantic St. John's campus, and the Ocean Sciences Centre Marine research facility in Logy Bay. Tours were followed by judging in the afternoon. There were 86 judges, many of whom are professors, instructors and graduate students at MUN. There were 219 students from 19 schools on the Avalon Peninsula, both junior and senior high, competing. These schools included Amalgamated Academy, Brother Rice, Bishops College, Gonzaga, Holy Heart, Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, Lakecrest, L'ecole de grands vents, MacDonald Drive, Mobile Central, Mount Pearl Intermediate, Mount Pearl Senior, St. Bonaventure's College, St. Kevin's Junior, St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Villanova.

On Saturday, the public viewing and awards ceremony was attended by approximately 500 people. The emcees for the ceremony were Ms. Natasha Janes and Ms. Erin Baker, Co-Chairs of the Eastern Newfoundland Science Fairs Council, the group of volunteers that organizes the fair each year. A number of representatives from the major sponsors of the fair also attended and assisted with the presentation of awards. These included Mr. Richard Pratt, Vice-President Developments, Atlantic Region, Husky Energy; Dr. Mark Abraham, Dean of Science, MUN, Dr. Jane Gamberg, Dean, School of health Sciences, CNA; Mr. Todd Woodland, Science Program Specialist, NL Dept of Education; and Mr. John Elkins, Program Specialist, Science and Technology, English School District.

One of the highlights of the awards ceremony was the awarding of the grand awards which includes the selection of the 6 students that represented Eastern Newfoundland at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, NB in May. These included Nitish Bhatt, Gonzaga, Brianna Puddister, Bishops College and Grace King, Guadalupe Koen-Alonso, Dina Shehata and Alyssa Young, all students of Holy Heart. For the second year in a row Nitish Bhatt was awarded the "Best of Fair". Nitish also received a scholarship from MUN's Faculty of Science which provides tuition for first year studies in the science faculty.

Of the 166 projects, over half were recognized with medals and awards. There were 46 honourable mentions and 41 medals presented (22 gold, 7 silver and 12 bronze). As well 36 special awards from a number of MUN faculties and departments (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, Engineering, Medicine and Ocean Sciences) and other organizations (NAACAP, CMOS, IEEE, RAS, Conservation Corps, NL Institute of Agrologists, NL Lung Assoc, NL College for Medical Lab Sciences and Neety Panu) were presented with a total monetary value of over \$4000.00. As well, the 6 grand award winners were each presented with a stuffed husky dog from Husky Energy.



Mr. Richard Pratt, Alyssa Young, Grace King, Nitish Bhatt, Dina Shehata, Brianna Puddister, Guadalupe Koen-Alonso

## THE 2015 CANADA WIDE SCIENCE FAIR



Congratulations to the 6 students who represented Eastern Newfoundland at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, NB in May. The team spent a week at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, NB, along with chaperones Ms. Natasha Janes and Mr. Nick Ryan.

The team included Guadalupe Koen-Alonso, Dina Shehata, Nitish Bhatt, Brianna Puddister, Grace King and Alyssa Young. The team came away with one gold medal (Dina) and 2 silver medals (Nitish, Alyssa) .

***On behalf of the Eastern Newfoundland Science Fairs Council and the 6 students who attended the 2015 Canada Wide science fair we extend a sincere thank you for the generous support of our major sponsors:***

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