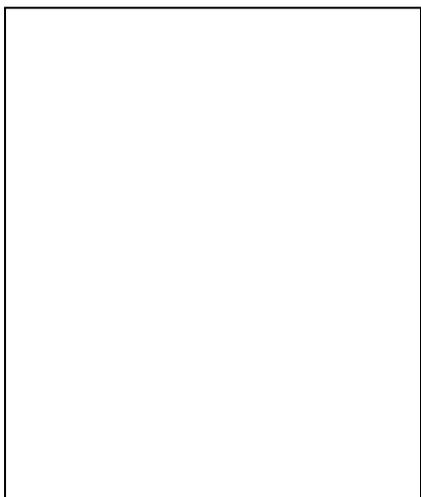


Eastern Newfoundland Science and Technology Fair goes Virtual

Science history was made once again in this province on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 when 20 students competed in the very first Virtual Fair for Eastern NL. The virtual version of the fair replaced the 2020 Husky Energy Eastern Newfoundland Science and Technology Fair, previously scheduled for late April 2020. The Eastern fair was the second virtual fair to occur in this province as a virtual fair for students outside of Eastern NL had taken place on Saturday, May 9, 2020. Both virtual fairs were organized by a subcommittee of the Eastern Newfoundland Science Fairs Council (ENSFC).

The students presented their projects to judges in Google Meets, 3 judges per group. There were 4 groups in total divided by grade levels (3 groups were judged in English and one group judged in French). Each student or student team (of 2) was allotted 30 minutes, after which points were tallied and “medal” certificates and other prizes were awarded.



John Scott Pearce, a grade 12 student at Holy Heart High School in St. John’s won gold and was chosen Best of Fair as he had the highest overall score. Second place and also winning gold was Emily Meade, a grade 12 student from Holy Spirit High School in Manuels, C.B.S. Third place and a gold medal went to Linnaea Bird, a grade 10 student from Holy Trinity High in Torbay. In addition 3 more golds, as well as 7 silver, 6 bronze and 2 Honourable mentions were awarded to participants. While the number of projects was lower than the usual 100 or more at the annual physical fair, the quality of the students work was not.

In addition to the medal certificates, monetary prizes were provided by the NLTA Math Science Special Interest Council. These included \$500, \$300 and \$200 for first, second and third, respectively.

In lieu of the national fair, governing body, Youth Science Canada, is hosting an Online STEM Fair for any student in the country in grades 7 to 12. Registration is now open and closes on May 18, 2020. All students who participated in these virtual fairs, both in and outside of Eastern are encouraged to compete.

More information about any of these fairs including the projects from both the May 9th Fair and May 13th Fair can be found at <http://enstf.ca>