



2023 Newfoundland and Labrador Science Fairs

It was an exciting 2 days at the Marine Institute main campus on Ridge Road in St. John's where high school students (grades 7 – 12) from schools on the Avalon Peninsula competed at the 2023 Cenovus Energy Eastern Newfoundland Science and Technology Fair. While students returned to an in-person fair, for the first time since 2019, students from outside of Eastern competed online. Between the 2 fairs there were a total of 156 students, with 131 projects competing for medals, prizes, scholarships, special awards and for a spot on Science Team NL. Students represented 10 schools on the Avalon including Brother Rice Junior High, Gonzaga High, Holy Heart of Mary High, Holy Spirit High, Holy Trinity High, Lakecrest Independent School, MacDonald Drive Junior High, Mobile Central High, St. Bonaventure's College and St. Paul's Junior High. The 4th annual Labrador, Western and Central Newfoundland (LWCN) Virtual Fair included students from 12 schools: Ecole Boreale (Happy Valley- Goose Bay), Ecole l'ENVOL (Labrador City), Fitzgerald Academy (English Harbour West), French Shore Academy (Port Saunders), Hampden Academy (Hampden), Holy Cross Complex (Eastport), Marystown Central High (Marystown), Pearson Academy (Wesleyville), Smallwood Academy (Gambo), St. James All Grade (Lark Harbour), St. Joseph's Academy (Lamaline), St. Lawrence Academy (St. Lawrence), and William Gillett Academy (Charlottetown, Labrador).

Of the 115 projects (137 students) in the eastern fair, 85 were recognized with 20 honourable mentions and 65 medals (17 bronze, 17 silver and 31 gold). All 16 projects (21 students) outside of eastern were recognized as follows: 3 honourable mentions, 5 bronze medals, and 4 each in silver and gold. In Eastern "Best of Fair" was awarded, for the second year in a row, to Sophia Zhang, a grade 9 student from St. Bonaventure's College while Hailey House, a grade 12 student from French Shore Academy in Port Saunders received the honour for the LWCN fair.

Students from both regions were named to the 2023 Science Team NL and will represent the province at the 2023 Canada Wide Science Fair (CWSF) in Edmonton, Alberta from May 14 to 20. From Eastern the students selected include Gonzaga's Orpa Halader and Tanish Bhatt, Holy Heart student Jude Almutawa, Ryan Cullen from Holy Trinity High, Alpita Patro from MacDonald Drive Junior High and St. Bonaventure's College student Sophia Zhang. Joining the team from LWCN are Emily Baker from Fitzgerald Academy, English Harbour West, Haley House from French Shore Academy in Port Saunders, Simon Penney of Ecole ENVOL in Labrador City and Hampden Academy student Hailey Ropson.

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Congratulations to all participants! For more information on this year's fairs and a list of all winners go to <https://nlsciencefairs.ca/>



Science team NL (Eastern region): Ryan C, Jude A, Sophia Z, Alpita P, Orpah H, with Cenovus Manager of Developments Engineering, Stephanie Fleming (far right). Missing from photo: Tanish B.

Science team NL
(Labrador, Western,
Central region):
Emily B, Haley H,
Simon P, Hailey R.

