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2026 Shelby County Science Day Results

11th Annual Shelby County Science Day Held

On Thursday, February 05, 2026, the Shelby County Science Day was held at Anna Local High School for Shelby County students, grades 5-12. Sixty-five students from Anna High School, Lehman High School and Jackson Center Middle School completed science research projects and presented their findings to area professionals, researchers, and educators.

This event offered students a venue that promotes the development of creative thinking, research and writing skills and career motivation toward the sciences, all in one program. Project topics may be in biology, chemistry, botany, space & earth sciences, computers, zoology, microbiology, biochemistry, physics, engineering, mathematics, medicine & health and behavioral & social science.

Thirty-nine students received the highest rating of “Superior”. They were: from Anna High School: Melanie Kranenburg, Ashley Gehret, Braden Wenning, Nora Aiken; Isabelle Rhim, Benjamin Gehret, Jaylin Plessinger, Evan Schulze, ShyAnne Myers, Anthony Barhorst, Samuel Baldonado; from Jackson Center Elementary & Middle School: Carly Lotz & Brinkley Wallace, Savannah Bodenmiller & Callie Clinehens, Tysen Gariety & Sam Scott, Caleb Lotz & Elias Shuster, Tanner Hilbun, Alayna Gonzales, Carter Ambos & Jensen Wells; and from Lehman Catholic High School: Ernesto Flores, Nora Lamm, Emily Stone, Bailey Cotterman, Luke Dexter, Avery Wyan, Jillian Black & Abigail Williams, Grant Sollmann, Kara Stewart, Emma Keller, Julia Gudorf, LeahAnn Jones & Ava Reineke, Lila Luthman, Taylor Platfoot. These students are eligible to compete at the Upper Miami Valley Regional Science Day held at Edison State Community College on March 14th.

Event sponsors donated awards in an amount totaling \$1300. Sponsors included Cargill, Wilson Health, Choice One Engineering, Wells Brothers, the McMurry Family and Anna Local High School. Area professionals and community members volunteered to judge the projects, aided by area science teachers.

Lehman High School student, Ernesto Flores was awarded the Choice One Engineering Grand Prize of \$100. Cargill provided the Second Place Overall Award of \$50 to Carly Lotz & Brinkley Wallace, Jackson Center and the Third Place Overall Award of \$50 to Ashley Gehret, Anna HS.

Wilson Health Awards of \$50 each in topic categories of: Animal Science: Alayna Gonzales, Jackson Center; Behavioral Science: Emily Stone, Lehman HS; Behavioral Science: Isabelle Rhim, Anna HS; Chemistry: Ashley Gehret, Anna HS and Bailey Cotterman, Lehman; Energy /Environmental Science / Engineering / Robotics: Ernesto Flores, Lehman and Braden Wenning, Anna; Material Science: Carly Lotz & Brinkley Wallace, Jackson Center; Medicine & Health /Microbiology: Nora Lamm, Lehman HS and Avery Wyan, Lehman HS; Math / Physics: Samuel Baldonado, Anna HS; Plant Science: Tyson Gariety & Sam Scott, Jackson Center. The Award for Best Presentation of Data \$50 went to Nora Lamm, Lehman HS. The Award for Best Abstract \$50 went to Benjamin Gehret, Anna HS. The McMurry Family \$100 “Spirit of Science Award” went to Shyanne Myers, Anna HS.

The students, their teachers, and Anna Local High School, all wish to thank the sponsors and volunteers for making the 2026 Shelby County Science Day a successful event. Anyone with questions about the science fair program should contact Dr. Martin E. English, 790 E. Shoop Rd., Tipp City, OH 45371, or email: info@ohioumvsd.com .