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Montauk School and CCOM Partner to Hold Science Fair

Montauk, New York – On Friday, April 1, 2022, Montauk School, and Concerned Citizens of Montauk partnered to present the 2022 Montauk School Science Fair.

After a 2-year hiatus due to COVID 19 concerns, the science fair returned with over 100 student projects. The projects were evaluated and scored by a panel of over 20 judges representing regional science and environmental organizations such as the Peconic Estuary Partnership, The Nature Conservancy, South Fork Natural History Museum, East Hampton Town Hatchery, and the Peconic Baykeeper.

The winners, who will be honored and awarded prizes from Montauk School and CCOM later in April, are as follows:

8th Grade:

1st Griffin Beckmann
2nd Brooke Lavin & Carli Fromm
3rd Maya Taveras

7th Grade:

1st Carli Stuckart, Taylor Rade
2nd Bea Flight, Amanda Arias
3rd Finn Miranda

6th Grade:

1st Elle Reidlinger
2nd Valentina Balducci
3rd Jolee White

5th Grade:

1st Rishi Ortiz, Hunter O'Brien
2nd Sydney Powers
3rd Pearse O'Rourke

4th Grade:

1st William Hess, Maia Kabisch

2nd Alex Uihlein, Dillon Bray

3rd Morgan Flynn, Story Walsh

3rd Grade:

1st Finley Cardona, Riley O'Brien

2nd Truman Hammer, William Schrotter

3rd Vera Ryan, Tippi Tyler

"There's nothing better than engaging with Montauk's youth," noted CCOM President Laura Tooman. "These kids are the future of Montauk, and it's important we invest in creating true environmental stewards."

Joe Malave, Montauk School science teacher said, "As the faculty advisor of the Montauk School's science club, I have to say the 2022 Science Fair reboot was simply a fantastic event! The participants were so motivated; it was beautiful to see! After two years of not being able to do the science fair because of the pandemic and social distancing restrictions, the event couldn't have come sooner from an educational perspective. I'm glad the students stepped it back up, barely missing a stride. I wish to thank CCOM for their continued support and our 22 loyal judges from across Long Island, some of whom have been doing the event for a decade. I'm particularly proud of the projects investigating wide-ranging local environmental issues and regional scientific investigations. Finally, I'd like to thank the dedicated students in the science club for their sacrificed time doing months of early morning planning sessions for this event".