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2018 Gwinnett Science, Engineering + Innovation Fair:

<u>Inspiring the next generation of science and engineering</u>
leaders from the classroom to college to career

The Gwinnett Science, Engineering + Innovation Fair celebrates its 40th anniversary with participation by students from 46 middle and high schools, including representation from all 19 Gwinnett school clusters, two GCPS special entities, and five other non-GCPS schools that operate in Gwinnett County. The 2018 Gwinnett Science, Engineering + Innovation Fair will occur on Friday, February 23, 2018, at the Infinity Energy Center in Duluth. In addition to project presentation and judging, this year's event will include a college fair, a career expo, and breakout speakers from various STEM fields. Visitors are welcome to attend the public open house which begins at 5 p.m. and includes an elementary robotics showcase with more than 14 schools participating and a K-12 project exhibition. An awards ceremony will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to honor this year's top projects.

The sponsors for this year's gathering of science learning include Georgia Campus - Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (GA-PCOM), Jackson EMC, Brace Family Foundation, Broadcom Foundation, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Georgia Gwinnett College, Chick-fil-A Foundation, GCPS Foundation, GCPS TV, Nordson, McFarland-Dyer & Associates, Mobile Communications, MetroPower, Woodward & Curran, Boehringer Ingelheim, and South Gwinnett Rotary Club.

This year, more than 470 projects that placed 1st at the local school level will be on display, representing the best of student research in Gwinnett County. These projects, representing the creativity and innovation of more than 680 students, will be judged by Georgia professionals and scientists who will assess them on scientific quality, accuracy, creativity, and experiment design.

The high school and middle school students who earn 1st place at the district level competition will move to the next round—the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair—which will be held in Athens, Georgia, March 22—March 24. The top projects then qualify for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, which is scheduled for May 13-18, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



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The following 46 schools will have students and projects competing this year:

Archer Cluster:

Archer HS

Berkmar Cluster:

Berkmar MS Sweetwater MS

Brookwood Cluster:

Brookwood HS Crews MS Five Forks MS

Central Gwinnett Cluster:

Central Gwinnett HS

Jordan MS Moore MS

Collins Hill Cluster:

Collins Hill HS Creekland MS **Dacula Cluster:**

Dacula MS

Discovery Cluster:

Discovery HS

Duluth Cluster:

Duluth MS Coleman MS

Grayson Cluster:

Grayson HS
Bay Creek MS
Couch MS
Lanier Cluster:

Lanier HS Lanier MS

Meadowcreek Cluster:

Meadowcreek HS Lilburn MS Radloff MS Mill Creek HS

Osborne MS

Mountain View Cluster:

Mountain View HS Twin Rivers MS

Norcross Cluster:

Norcross HS Pinckneyville MS Summerour MS

North Gwinnett Cluster:

North Gwinnett MS

Parkview Cluster:

Parkview HS Trickum MS

Peachtree Ridge Cluster:

Peachtree Ridge HS

Hull MS

Northbrook MS

Shiloh Cluster:

Shiloh MS

South Gwinnett Cluster:

South Gwinnett HS Snellville MS

GCPS Special Entities:

Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology New Life Academy

Non-GCPS Schools:

Buford Middle School Buford High School City of Knowledge School Cornerstone Christian School Sugar Hill Christian Academy

Mill Creek Cluster:

For more information about the event or science education in Gwinnett County Public Schools, visit www.gwinnettsciencefair.com or contact Jessica Holden, GCPS director of Science, at 678-301-7036.

News media representatives are welcome to attend the event during the Project Exhibit which is open to the public at 5 p.m. and the awards ceremonies that begin at 7:30 p.m.