

LI Science & Engineering Fair, Inc.

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LISEF 2016 Grand Award Winners

	Award	Name	School	Title
	First	Jared Randolph Bergen	Sayville High School	Geospatial Analysis of Cetacean Distribution and Habitat Utilization Related to Prey Density and Sea-Surface Temperature off the Long Island, New York Coastline
	First	Rachel Lauren Mashal	Bellmore John F. Kennedy Hlgh School	Development of a Caffeine Addiction Paradigm to Examine How Dietary Restriction and Level of TOR Signaling Modulate the Effects of Drugs
	Second	Julia Shawn Goldsamt	John L. Miller Great Neck North High School	The Pharmacological Examination of D-Cycloserine and Abilify Following Chronic MK801 Administration in Mice
	Second	Matthew Raymond Perkins	George W. Hewlett High School	Alpha and Beta Adrenergic Agonists Increase Hindrance to Diffusion of 3-kDa Dextran in Mouse Visual Cortex Extracellular Space
Animal	Third	Tooba Alwani	William A. Shine Great Neck South High School	The Role of Alkaline Ceramidase 3 Knockout in Inducing Urinary retention
Animal Sciences	Third	Gabrielle Jung, Connie J He	Half Hollow Hills High School West	Creation of a Nanoparticle-Infused Cream that Effectively Reduces Aedes aegypti Feeding on a Simulated Bovine Blood Source
		Leah Accardi		Ascertaining the

Third	Shokrian, Savannah Lynne Kile	Long Beach High School	Correlation Among Illyanassa obsoleta's Shell Size and Pleurogonius malaclemys' Presence.
Honorable M	Arujan Ilanges	Oceanside High School	Touch Inhibition in C.elegans
Honorable M	Hannah Emily Rosenthal	Smithtown High School West	Using Genetics and Morphology to Understand the Evolution and Function of the Mammalian Vomeronasal Organ
Honorable M	Steven H Spreizer	Smithtown High School West	Pharmacological Characterization of Nicotinic Cholinergic Receptors in Nematostella vectensis
Honorable M	Caitlin Cristina Unkenholz	Smithtown High School West	The Sea Anemone, Nematostella vectensis: a Unique View in Studying Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors
First	Miriam Shira Eisenberg	North Shore Hebrew Academy High School	Going for The Goal: The Effects of Removing Preparatory Information on The Fast and Unconscious Reading of Action Goals in a Computer-Simulated Competitive Interaction
First	Jessica Li Huang	Jericho High School	Redefining the Neurological Basis of Fluid Intelligence: Investigating network strength and normalized degree of resting state functional connectivity
Second	Nicolas Furci	Roslyn High School	The Effect of Framing and Perceived Control on the Optimism Bias, Risk Perceptions, and Attitudes Towards Driving Under the Influence of Marijuana
Second	Claire Dorothy Kelly	Bellmore John F. Kennedy HIgh School	Impulsivity as a Predictor for Enhanced Attention Towards Novel Drug-paired Stimuli
		Plainview Old	Using Golden Ratio

	Second	Jordyn Schor	Bethpage JFK High School	Typography to Increase Cognitive Fluency in Nystagmus Patients
	Third	Olivia Marie Clancy	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Investigating the Effect of Mindful Attention Technqiues of Emotional Regulation of Adolescents
Behavioral and Social Sciences	Third	Cori Dauman	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Evaluating the Impact of Informational and Normative Conformity on Decision Making in Online Settings
	Third	Daniel Jordan Hirsch	Syosset High School	Analysis of Background Capital of Founders of Fortune 1000 Companies
	Third	John Patrick Jeffrey	Kings Park High School	The Relationship between Body Mass Index and Depression as Established by Event Related Potentials and Progesterone Levels in Adolescent Females
	Third	Abigail Spilkevitz	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Eliciting Student-Instructor Connectedness in Online Learning
	Honorable M	Jessica M Conforti	Northport High School	Not So A-MAZE-ing Rats The effect of sex differences and Parkinson's disease on the cognitive functions of an animal in accordance to performing a specified task using the Barnes Maze
	Honorable M	Zareen Johnson	Paul D. Schreiber High School	Vaccination Rates in Bangladesh and Accuracy of Caregivers' Recollection
	Honorable M	Rumana Akter Rahman	East Meadow High School	Fact-Checking the Major Controversies of the 2016 Presidential Election; Society's Perceptions vs. Reality
				The Single Stigma: Investigating the

	Honorable M	Nathan Mitchell Yang	Roslyn High School	Perceptions of Single Parents Based on Gender and Way of Becoming Single
	First	Kameron Sedigh	Kings Park High School	Structural and Kinetic Analysis of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus MenE, an acyl-CoA Synthetase of the Bacterial Menaquinone Biosynthesis Pathway as a Novel Antibacterial Target
	Second	Jason Christopher Fiacco	Manhasset High School	Mss4p activity during nonsister dyad formation is dependent upon Nud1p expression in Saccharomyces cerevisiae
	Second	Louis Lin	Sanford H. Calhoun High School	The Interactions of p53 and Mannose in Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation Using a Zebrafish Model
Biochemistry	Third	Karena Devi Etwaru	Half Hollow Hills High School East	Lidocaine Suppresses TRPM7 Channel Activity: Implications for Anesthetics as Post-Operative Therapeutics
	Third	Lynn Hlaing	William A. Shine Great Neck South High School	Probing LRRK2 Kinase Activity for Potential Parkinson's Drug Treatments through Mutagenesis of the COR-48 Fragment
	Honorable M	Philip Joonkyoung Jang	Syosset High School	The Elucidation of Cathepsin Inhibitors through Computational and Experimental Methods
	Honorable M	Aaron Henry Wang	Jericho High School	Enzymatic Activity of the K173Q Polymorphism of NPP1: Kinetic Analysis for Assessing Implications in Disease
	First	Mohamed Ehab El-Abtah	Syosset High School	Organotypic ex vivo culture of liver tissue for assessment of HCC

				chemoprevention drug
	First	E. Madeline Rose Fagen	Paul D. Schreiber High School	Proinflammatory cytokines and miRNA: Identifying novel biomarkers of immune dysfunction in schizophrenia
Biomedical and Health Sciences	Second	Sandra Li	Jericho High School	Elucidating cancer racial health disparities: The differential effect of Î'-Tocopherol in colon cancer between African and Caucasian Americans
	Second	Brian R Zhao, Brandon J Gong	Herricks High School	Inhibition of the AMP-Activated Protein Kinase Pathway Regulates Metabolic Homeostasis in Drosophila melanogaster: Novel Implications for Treatment of Obesity and Diabetes
	Third	Joy Bestourous	The Wheatley School	Grape Seed Extract Decreases Tumor Susceptibility and Expression of Cep-1 by Increasing XPA Expression in Caenorhabditis elegans
	Third	Yianni Flouskakos	Garden City High School	High Fructose Corn Syrup 42 (HFCS 42) Stimulates the Morphine-Signaling Pathway in Neuroblastoma Cells
	Third	Michael W. Lai	Jericho High School	Opportunity for Pharmaceutical Intervention in Lung Cancer: Selective Inhibition of JAK1/2 to Eliminate EMT-Derived Mesenchymal Cells
	Honorable M	Anjali Balamurugan	Smithtown High School East	Blood Mercury Levels and Autoimmune Biomarkers in Adults
	Honorable M	Benjamin Lee Honigsfeld	W. C. Mepham High School	The Downregulation of GSK3-B by Lithium Chloride Leads to an Increase in Chemoresistance
				Bringing Bacteria Back to

	Honorable M	Anna Kuznetsova	Bellmore John F. Kennedy High School	Life: Are Probiotic Bacteria in Human Milk Dormant or Dead After Freezer Storage?
	Honorable M	Dylan Lee	Paul D. Schreiber High School	Emetine Attenuates TNF Release from Human Macrophages
	Honorable M	Sarah Marie Romanelli	Oceanside High School	The role of NT5C2 in drug resistance and relapse of T-ALL
	First	Mahip Grewal	Roslyn High School	Investigation of HCC Development Following Senescence in UHRF1 Overexpressing Zebrafish Livers
	Second	Joshua Benjamin Katz	Syosset High School	A novel association between thrombospondin-2 and lysyl oxidase
Cellular & Molecular	Second	Elizabeth Varghese	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	A Novel Investigation into the Functional Importance of a Positively-Charged Domain of Rec8 that Promotes Interaction with Zip1 in vivo
	Third	Edward Li	Half Hollow Hills High School East	The Discovery of Neuronal Wiskott Aldrich Syndrome Protein Inhibitor, Wiskostatin, as a Novel Autophagy Inducer in Macrophages
Biology	Third	Emma G McLaughlin	Oceanside High School	Verification of Genetic Modifiers of the 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome
	Third	Emily Ann Peterson	Smithtown High School East	The Role of Lecithin:Retinol Acyl Transferase in Keratinocyte Mechanics
	Honorable M	Mackenzie Belle Kreit	Lynbrook High School	A Comparative Study of the Epigenetic Profiles of Resistant and Responsive Melanoma
	Honorable M	Jacob Benjamin Miller	Sanford H. Calhoun High School	SNP of DPP4 as Probable Cause of BCM7 Intolerance in Children with

				ASDs
	Honorable M	Matthew Caleb Wang	Valley Stream North High School	The Effect of the BLVRB and BLVRBS111L Enzymes on FMN Reduction
				Effect of Jahn-Teller
	First	Archana Verma	Jericho High School	Distortions on Relaxation Dynamics
	Second	Sarah Lee	Syosset High School	Next Generation Fatty Acid Binding Protein Inhibitors: Computer-Aided Drug Design and Synthesis of Novel Truxillic Acid Diesters for Chronic Pain Inhibition
Chemistry	Third	Shani Kahan	North Shore Hebrew Academy High School	A Novel Bioorthogonal Trans-synaptic Tracer of Neural Circuitry
	Third	Tal Moriah	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Study of the Thermodynamics of Calcium and Magnesium Binding to Aminophenol Triacetic Acid (APTRA) Chelator: Toward the Design of Better Metal Indicators for Cellular Imaging
	Honorable M	Hunter Cohen	Cold Spring Harbor High School	Cyprid Settlement Inhibition Using Anticoagulants
	First	Raymond Minor Huffman, Michael Yumin Lee	Manhasset High School	Deep Learning: Structural and Characteristic Classification of nsSNP Deleterity
	Second	Niranjan Senthilkumar	Manhasset High School	AFBIR: Developing a Novel Automated Model of Feature-Based Methods as a Cost-Effective Tool for Biomedical Analysis
Computational Biology and Bioinformatics	Third	Matthew Sacks DiStefano	Oceanside High School	Pharmacological Tailoring and Validation for Glioblastoma Multiforme Model
				Systematic Discovery of

	Third	Ariel Kelly Leong	Ward Melville High School	Genes and Networks in Colon Cancer Stem Cells Implicated in Chemoresistance
	Honorable M	Samantha Victoria D'Alonzo	Paul D. Schreiber High School	Testing the Effectiveness of the Friendship Paradox for Tracking Epidemics
	First	Andrew J Meersand	Lynbrook High School	A Novel Soft Robotic Grasper Using Pneumatic Network Bending Actuators
	Second	Nathaniel Paul Lee	Jericho High School	Broadband Mid-IR frequency comb generation via OP-GaAs based optical parametric oscillators from 2.5-6.5 νm
Computer and Mechanic Sciences	Third	David Li	Commack High School	A Multi-Dimensional Implementation of the Named Data Networking Paradigm for Embedded Systems
	Third	Wu Linxin	Sayville High School	Laser Universal Serial Bus (LUSB)
	Honorable M	Augusta C. Uwamanzu-Nna	Elmont Memorial High School	Rheological. characterization of attapulgite nanoclay modified cement slurries for oil well cementing applications
	First	Lee Jared Blackburn	Lawrence High School	Incorporation of Platinum and Gold Partially Reduced Graphene Oxide into Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cells for Increased Output Power and Carbon Monoxide Tolerance
Energy	Second	Kunal Shah, Brian Rhee, Roshan Patel	Syosset High School	Enhanced Power Output and Tolerance to Fuel Impurities Demonstrated in a Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cell Utilizing a Graphene Oxide Nanoparticle Coated Nafion® Membrane

Third	Soram Kim	Half Hollow Hills High School West	Engineering an Energy Efficient Air Dehumidification System Utilizing a Novel Liquid Desiccant Membrane Interface
Honorable M	Bryant Liu	Rocky Point High School	Cost-competitive renewable energy: Optimizing conditions to efficiently convert fallen tree leaves to liquid biofuels
First	Alexis M D'Alessandro	Half Hollow Hills High School West	Optimization of Membrane Distillation Technology for Water Purification
First	Kimberly Alexis Te	Manhasset High School	Optimizing Microbial Fuel Cell Electrical Performance through a Single-Chamber Design and Novel, Natural, Cost-Effective Anodes
Second	Summar Khan, Bartolomeo Voto, Richard Lee	Manhasset High School	Developing a Data Acquisition and Analysis System for Solar Flares and Earthquakes through Shifts in Very Low Frequency Wave Propagation
Second	Evan Lander	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Optimizing an Immiscible Bulk Polymer Blend Via Graphene Compatibilization for Geomembrane, Recycling and Cable Applications
Second	Elizabeth Rieger	Garden City High School	A Plant Based Method to Decrease Pro-inflammatory Cytokine Production in Response to Cytotoxic Volatile Organic Compounds: Implications for Asthma and Respiratory Diseases.
Third	Abbigayle Emily Cuomo, Elizabeth Marie Van Loon	Commack High School	A Modified Forest Fire Index for the Northeast United States
	Chelsea Alexaray D'Agrella,		The Effect Microbeads of

Third Hannah Kim West Islip High School Blight with Amphotericin B as an Alternative to "Slash and Burn" Third Benjamin Drew Senzer Syosset High School Fight School Benjamin Drew Senzer Syosset High School Usermine Geochemical Pollutant Selectivity in Marsh Foraminifera Third Sung Won Seo, Emma Fleishman, Ashley Kim Manhasset High School Manhasset High School School Usermine Geochemical Pollutant Selectivity in Marsh Foraminifera Utilizing Wastewater as a Nutrient Source for Chlorella vulgaris: Removing Nitrate and Phosphate lons from Wastewater and Producing Biodiesel with Excess Chlorella vulgaris Honorable M Jonathan Parker Kapilian, Alexandra Shana Kapilian Long Beach High School Density to Minimize Carbon Dioxide, Nitrogen Oxide, and Sulphur Oxide Pollution
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Honorable Mineola High School Mineola Germination of Pisum sativum?
Honorable M Sidney Augustine Saint-Hilaire, Shaheer Ahmad Khan Sewanhaka High School Sewanhaka Sand The Use of Sophorolipids in Remediation of Prudhoe Bay Crude Oil from Contaminated Soil and Sand
Honorable M Rubin Asher Smith William A. Shine Great Neck South High School William A. Analyzing Thermoelastic Effects as contributors to the 2014 South Napa 6.0M Earthquake.
Honorable Mong Jasmine Nicole Wong John L. Miller Great Neck North High School Matural and Modified Sophorolipids Coagulation-Flocculation Wastewater Treatments Using Bio-surfactants: Natural and Modified Sophorolipids
Advanced Au-SPIONs:

	First	Grace Hu, Grace Hu	Jericho High School	Synthesis and characterization of multifunctional nanoparticles for cancer theranostic applications
	Second	Rishi N Shah	Jericho High School	Collagen Microfiber Scaffolding for Nerve Repair Applications
	Second	Abigail Rose Wax	Harborfields High School	Artificial Angiogenesis of Human Umbilical Vein Endothelial Cells Through Exposure to Graphene on Various Polymer Surfaces Coated with Fibrinogen and Whole Plasma
Materials Science and	Third	Dessie Ann DiMino	Garden City High School	Development of a 3D Printed Hydrogel Scaffolds through Optimization of Molecular Weight, Functional Domains, and Viscoelastic Properties of Hyaluronic Acid Bioink
Biomedical Engineering	Third	Ethan Hunter Udell	Half Hollow Hills High School East	Development of a Lactate Biosensor Using Nanopatterned Bulk Metallic Glass
	Third	Elaina Zodiatis	Smithtown High School East	Improving Flame Retardancy and Mechanics of Biodegradable Nanocomposites
	Honorable M	Smiti Ketan Shah	Bethpage High School	The Effect of ZnO Nanoparticles on Raphanus sativus
	Honorable M	Michael Shen, Sunny Shi	William A. Shine Great Neck South High School	Creating an Antimicrobial Hydrogel with Inexpensive and Biocompatible Materials for Effective Burn and Wound Healing
	Honorable M	Fangrui Tong	Ward Melville High School	A new approach to chemical sensing using tunable optical properties of unique nanostructures of TiO ₂ coated Morpho peleides butterfly scales
	First	Mehtaab Singh	Commack	A Study of Bar and Arc

		Sawhney	High School	k-Visibility Graphs
	Second	Xiaocheng Yang	St. Anthony's High School	Determination of The Total Volume of Material Used to Manufacture A Semi-ellipsoidal Container of Uniform Thickness
Mathematics	Third	Brian Aaron Kishinevsky	Sanford H. Calhoun High School	Orbits of curves on a 4 holed sphere
	Third	Allegra Caitlin Noto	Paul D. Schreiber High School	A Mathematical Model of the Transmission of the Ebolavirus in Guinea
	Honorable M	Sophia Chen	Ward Melville High School	On Steady Super-Kähler Ricci Solitons
	First	Justin Kim	Jericho High School	Enhancement of β-lactam antibiotic susceptibility by tannic acid through β-lactamase inhibition
	Second	Ariel Slepyan	George W. Hewlett High School	Microfluidic Analysis of E. coli Thermotaxis
Microbiology	Third	Jordan Rose Messineo	Sachem High School East	The Use of Plant Essential Oils to Prevent Peridontal Disease
	Third	Kaitlyn Rose Sparacio	North Babylon High School	The Pharmacological Inhibition of Quorum Sensing by Cinnamaldehyde on Escherichia coli K12
	Honorable M	Emily K Shutman, Prajanan Senthilkumar	Huntington High School	Multilevel Analysis of the Exposure of Various Metal Ions on ROS generation in T. pseudonana
	First	August Sun Chen	John L. Miller Great Neck North High School	The Production of Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays via Fermi Acceleration in Relativistic Jets
Physics and Astronomy	Second	Adam Pahlavan	Jericho High School	A Novel Method for Modeling Virtual Electrodes in Cardiac Electrophysiology
Astronomy				

	Third	Tawny Sit	Roslyn High School	Radial Profiles of Galaxies and Simulated Star Clusters
	Honorable M	Kelvin Ma	Shoreham Wading River High School	Collimator design to reduce systematic effects in the muon g â 2 experiment
Plant Sciences	First	Dara Elizabeth Gleeson	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Isolation and Screening of Beneficial Microbes Associated with the Grapevine, Vitis vinifera
	Second	Mackenzie Shea Kagan	Half Hollow Hills High School East	Identification of Putative Flavonoids Implicated in Age-Related Resistance Observed in Cucumis Sativus L.
	Third	Steven D Obadiah	Bellmore John F. Kennedy Hlgh School	The Manipulation of Microfilaments and Microtubules during Cotton Fiber Initiation
	Third	Vincent J Pennetti	Commack High School	Dedifferentiation of Clover (Trifolium repens) Plants
	Honorable M	Carmine D'Auria-Gupta, Franceso D'Auria-Gupta, Marconi D'Auria-Gupta	Locust Valley High School	Artificial Holdfast: Will using rocks as anchor points for kelp cuttings improve the growth rate of Gracilaria tikvahiae
	First	Julian Ubriaco	Kings Park High School	Identification and Characterization of Novel Diagnostic and Therapeutic Targets in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma Using an Antibody-based Approach
	Second	Anna Vaynrub	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Novel Strategy for Tumor-Targeting Chemotherapy with a Hyaluronic Acid – Taxoid Conjugate: Determining Three-Dimensional HALT Structure and Expression of CD44 and CD166 in Cancer Cells
				A Novel Algorithm to

Translational Medical Science	Third	Rahul Chaudhry, Sahil Chaudhry	Syosset High School	Efficiently Model Platelet Morphology to Predict the Risk of Thrombus Formation
	Honorable M	Krista Chen	The Wheatley School	Novel Combination Chemotherapy Targeting Cancer Stem Cells with a Tumor Targeted Drug Delivery System Potentiated by Natural Remedies, EGCG and/or Curcumin
	Honorable M	Steven Picillo	Oceanside High School	Investigation of the Inhibitory Effect of Small Molecules on PLK1 Function
	Honorable M	Carolyn Wilson	New Hyde Park Memorial HS	The Effect of Immunomodulatory Drugs on the Pharmacological Induction of Fetal Hemoglobin In Vitro