

287 SciMent Students Earn Top Awards at Twin Cities Regional Science Fair

Four of the six students to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair in May, the world's largest international pre-college science competition

Plymouth, MN – Six students from Intermediate School District 287' SciMent Science Research program earned top awards at the Twin Cities Regional Science Fair held February 24 and 25 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These students represented four different schools, speaking to diversity reached by ISD 287's programs.

More than 600 students participated in the Regional Fair. In recognition of their significant commitment to scientific excellence, all six SciMent Science Research students will advance their projects to the State Science and Engineering Fair or their research papers to the Tri-State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Both events will be held in Minneapolis in late March.

Four students, Gauri Binoy, (Wayzata High School), Meghana Iyer (Edina High School), Serena Jing (Saint Paul Central High School), and Harini Kethar (Minnetonka High School Alternate), received one of the Region's top awards and were selected to represent Minnesota at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) held May 14 to 19 in Los Angeles, California. ISEF is the world's largest international pre-college science competition and annually provides a forum for more than 1,800 high school students from over 75 countries, regions, and territories to showcase their independent research while competing for more than \$4 million in prizes.

Awards received by SciMent Science Research students at the Twin Cities Regional Science Fair:

- International Science & Engineering Fair Finalist, awarded an opportunity to compete Intel's international competition in May 2017 in Los Angeles, CA
- International Science & Engineering Fair Alternate, awarded an opportunity to attend Intel's international competition in May 2017 in Los Angeles, CA
- Second place high school research paper out of 196 entries
- 3M Foundation Sponsor Award
- American Chemical Society Award
- St. Paul Youth Fund Sponsor Award
- Society for In Vitro Biology Award
- United States Army Award
- 5 top ribbons signifying qualification to the Minnesota State Science Fair Competition in March
- 4 Research Paper Competition Finalists signifying qualification to the North Central Tri-State Junior Science & Humanities Symposium in March

SciMent Science Research is sponsored by Intermediate District 287 as a hybrid of Online Learning and Honors Mentor Connection. District 287 provides more than 120 education services including Special Education, Alternative Learning Centers, World Languages, Northern Star Online, West Suburban Summer School for gifted students, and hosts Destination Imagination. District 287 is a consortium of 12 west metro school districts.

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Attached: Photos and project thesis for the six winners.