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Episcopal Students Take Top Awards in State Science & Engineering Fair

April 23, 2008, Lakeland, Florida—Episcopal students took home a total of eleven place awards, a full college scholarship, cash prizes and multiple specialty awards during the April 16-18 Florida State Science & Engineering Fair, held in Lakeland, Florida. The [full list of winners](#) was posted late on Tuesday, April 22, on the [Florida State Science and Engineering Fair website](#).

The awards earned by Episcopal High School students are as follows:

- **Greg and Will Kennedy '08**, first place in team projects
- **Nathan Monroe '08**, second place in chemistry, a NASA award and the RHICHO Sustainable Energy award
- **Tess Peterson '08**, second place in zoology
- **Peter Blumeyer '08**, third place in chemistry and \$602.23 from the American Chemical Society
- **Satchel Siegel '11**, third place in biochemistry
- **Cole Taylor '08** and **Micha'le Simmons '08**, third place in team projects
- **Jason Marks '08**, fourth place in medicine and health and a scholarship to University of Central Florida

The awards earned by Episcopal Middle School students are as follows:

- **Ali Wells '12**, first place in medicine and health
- **Kristen Huyghue '12**, second place in biochemistry
- **Emily Smithwick '12** second place in microbiology and \$100 from Florida Association for Food Protection
- **Caitlin Dempsey '12**, fourth place in zoology
- **Danny Hered '12**, special recognition in zoology and \$100 from the Florida Entomological Society
- **Brigitte Wittmer '12**, honorable mention in botany

Episcopal science teacher and science fair advisor Aimee McCarthy said of the students' success, "I am very proud of all of our students who had the opportunity to go to the fair. All of them worked with great effort to get to where they are. They planned, were organized, and put a lot of thought into each part of their projects."

The international science fair will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, May 11-16, 2008. Seven Upper School students have been selected for competition: Marks, Monroe, Peterson, Simmons & Taylor, and Greg & Will Kennedy. During last year's international science fair, two Episcopal students, Meredith Boulos '10 and Daniel Murphy '07, won place awards and special prizes totaling over \$5,000.

Middle School students who placed second or better—Wells, Huyghue and Smithwick—now have the opportunity to participate in the Society for Science and the Public Middle School Program (formerly the Discovery Young Scientist Challenge), which is the only U.S. national science competition for science fair participants in grades five through eight. Wells, Huyghue and Smithwick will write essays based on their science-fair project and experience to compete to become one of 300 semifinalists - and ultimately one of the 30 finalists. All finalists receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC, in October 2008 to compete for scholarships, trips and other awards (www.societyforscience.org/msp).

For more information about any of these students or their projects, please contact the Communications Office. For more information about the Florida State Science & Engineering Fair, please visit www.floridassef.net.

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