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Horizon Science Academy students win awards at science, engineering fair

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Horizon Science Academy in Lorain has some gold.

Twenty-seven students from Horizon took home four “Best of the Category Awards,” in this year’s Concept Science and Engineering Fair (CONSEF) April 16 and 17 at the Cleveland Convention Center.

Students won 10 gold medals, nine silver medals, three bronze medals and an honorable mention.

Jayson Bendik, assistant director and outreach coordinator at Horizon, said

the academy also was honored as the second-best of the 44 schools that participated in CONSEF 2015.

Schools nationwide were represented, along with more than 500 projects on display, to form a platform that provided students with the opportunity to showcase their talents in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related fields, Bendik said.

Students created their own science tri-fold board, illustrating how the scientific method was used to test their project and experimental ideas.

The program had three major areas consisting of individual student projects,

live STEM and the ROBOCON competition.

Horizon Best Of winners:

Matthew Deus: Earth and Space science

Aylisa Grenald: Biochemistry

Austin Perez: Computer Science and Engineering

Chantel Shannon: Botany

Gold Medal winners:

Jalicia Smalley, Victoria Massa, Ariana Martinez, Arianna Whiteman, Steven Hanna, Jaylene Santana, Oleana Zepeda, Elba Bracey, Eli Figueroa, Julissa Hernandez

This is the sixth annual CONSEF event in which Horizon students have participated, Bendik said.

“We’ve had a good track record for success,” he said. “This was the year we really stepped up our game.”

“Our teachers and parents and students worked extremely hard for the past few months, and I want to offer congratulations to them.”

Bendik said he is proud of the hard work and effort, dedication and preparation and weekend hours that provided the students with the opportunity to get to this point.