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Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Sponsors Awards at 61st Annual State Science Day

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On Saturday, May 9, 2009, over 1,000 7-12th grade science, technology, engineering, and mathematics students representing nearly 300 schools across Ohio exhibited their science research projects at the 61st annual State Science Day. Held at The Ohio State University in Columbus, the event honored students with nearly 100 scholarships and awards valued at more than $2.5 million.

Sponsored by The Ohio Academy of Science, American Electric Power, The Ohio Environmental Education Fund, and Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane, Inc., and hosted by The Ohio State University Office of Continuing Education, State Science Day is the academic equivalent of a state athletic championship and the top tier of one of the largest education programs in the nation. Judges evaluate the scientific research and communication skills of student participants who advanced to the state-level competition from more than 16 district science days.

Among the many awards at State Science Day is the Soil and Water Conservation Award sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. This year, the first place award in the 7-9 grade category went to Mary L. Murray and the second place award was given to Trevor C. Chopko. In the 10-12 grade category, the OFSWCD awarded Traven W. Towns with the first place award and Rowan L. Baird received the second place award.

For more information about State Science Day and the 2009 event results, visit statescienceday.osu.edu. Several ODNR employees were volunteer judges at the event. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR web site at www.ohiodnr.com.

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