

# Florida Junior Academy of Science and Florida Science Talent Search A Division of the Florida Academy of Sciences

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## Florida Science Talent Search

On March 22, 2003 the results of the Florida Science Talent Search were announced. The top 6 students, listed in alphabetical order, received

### **Awards of Excellence:**

Allison Boothe	Pine Crest
Tasnim Imran	MAST Academy
Sadi Khan	Cooper City High
Bryan Lemus	Krop Senior High
Grazia Nuccitelli	McArthur High
Kristina Yelton	McArthur High

The following 6 students, listed in alphabetical order, received **Merit Awards:**

Mary Azer	Spruce Creek High
Meghan Kenny	Stranahan High
Brittany Koscher	Pine Crest
Leslie Naoom	Spruce Creek High
Morgan Petroski	Spruce Creek High
Brandon Verblow	Spruce Creek High

Congratulations to these 12 students for the outstanding work they have done. Allison Boothe and Grazia Nuccitelli were awarded the trips to the Science Camp in West Virginia in July with Tasnim Imran and Sadi Khan as the alternates. Mary Azer and Kristina Yelton will receive the FJAS scholarships if they attend Florida schools. The AAAS memberships were given to Tasnim Imran and Bryan Lemus.

The Florida Science Talent Search is a separate competition for seniors only that occurs at the same time as FJAS. It does require an additional application, transcript, and resume submitted by February 1st with the paper for preliminary competition. Also the registration of \$5 and an interview is required at the competition.

## 2003 FJAS Competition

Out of almost 500 FJAS members 158 students submitted papers for the preliminary judging by February 1st. With the help of a team of judges 104 were selected to present at the competition at the University of Central Florida on March 22, 2003. Eighty-five students presented their research in nine different sessions.

This state competition could not have been possible if it had not been for many volunteers.

Many thanks go to:

Cindy Perrella for Talent Search

Dr. Leslie Lieberman and Fran Ragsdale for local arrangements

University of Central Florida for the facilities

Judges who gave of their time and expertise

Sponsors who encourage, provide information, and share their expertise and time, .....

Stranahan High, the Presidential Chapter, for providing moderators and helping with the Business meeting and Awards Ceremony

Spruce Creek High, the Vice Presidential Chapter, for the sodas and water

Manatee County, the Secretarial Chapter, for help throughout the year and at Registration

Thanks also goes to each member for participating and making FJAS what it is today. Also thanks goes to your parents who have helped you be who you are today.

During the Business Meeting Spruce Creek High was elected to the Presidency and Pine Crest was elected the Vice Presidential Chapter. It was announced that the 2004 competition would probably be either at Valencia Community College or Florida Gulf Coast University. The date is still to be determined.

## Winners at the 2003 Florida Junior Academy of Science Competition

### J1 - Junior Session 1

First	Erika Giblin	Stone Middle
Second	Edward Carpenter	Crystal Lake Middle
Third	Rachel Love	Stone Middle
Fourth	Karissa Gerhke	Stone Middle

### J2 - Junior Session 2

First	Joshua Bernstein	Crystal Lake Middle
Second	Charles Lewis	St Thomas Aquinas
Third	Adam Nicoll	Crystal Lake Middle
Fourth	Brian Lettman	Crystal Lake Middle

### J Lit - Junior Literary

First	Kanthi Dhaduvai	St Joseph Catholic
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### S1 - Senior Session 1

First	Amy Schnidman	Pine Crest
Second	Ross Anderson	Spruce Creek High
Third	Michael Spertus	Spruce Creek High
Fourth	Cristina White	Spruce Creek High

### S2 - Senior Session 2

First	Stefan Vitorovic	Blanche Ely High
Second	Pavlik Linden	Pine Crest
Third	Zarabeth Golden	Blanche Ely High
Fourth	Karen Hussein	Pine Crest

### S3 - Senior Session 3

First	Aaron Wise	Hillsborough High
Second	Brian Sparling	Blanche Ely High
Third	Robin Hunter	Cooper City High
Fourth	Jennifer Meyerson	Blanche Ely High

### S Lit - Senior Literary

First	Matthew Vaccariello	Bishop Moore
Second	Kerrie Lynch	Union County

### **T1 - Talent Search Session 1**

First	Grazia Nuccitelli	McArthur High
Second	Kristina Yelton	McArthur High
Third	Leslie Naoom	Spruce Creek High
Fourth	Mary Azer	Spruce Creek High

### **T2 - Talent Search Session 2**

First	Bryan Lemus	Krop Senior High
Second	Tasnim Imran	MAST Academy
Third	Allison Boothe	Pine Crest
Fourth	Morgan Petroski	Spruce Creek High

### **T3 - Talent Search Session 3**

First	Sadi Khan	Cooper City High
Second	Nicole Hennessy	N Miami Beach
Third	Tamara Figueroa	Stranahan High
Fourth	Meghan Kenny	Stranahan High

## **Special Awards for Presentation Skills**

The judges also selected additional students who displayed outstanding presentation skills. These students received a FJAS ribbon and a certificate. In alphabetical order:

Chloè Dierickx	St Thomas Aquinas
Paul Draper	Stone Middle
Krystal Granger	Crystal Lake Middle
Alicia Sterling	Blanche Ely High

## **Opportunities for 2004 Graduates**

Juniors in High School who placed at the 2003 in an experimental session of FJAS may be eligible for two special awards:

- ▶ AAAS membership
- ▶ AJAS conference in Seattle Feb 12-17, 2004

Don't miss the deadline of September 1st to submit the application and the additional information, no other notices will be sent out. These applications were given to all high school winners during the awards ceremonies.

During the Business meeting on March 22, 2003 Allison Boothe reported on her trip to AJAS in Denver this February. She said that she was impressed with the other presentations and realized the opportunities available to her and other students who conduct research. She encouraged students to apply for this award.