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Twenty-three seniors competed in the 2004 Florida Science Talent Search. Cindy Perrella and Kimberly Veirs reviewed the students' GPA's, SAT or ACT scores, resumes, results of the speaker competition and interviewed each student. The two judges were very impressed with the students.

The Awards of Excellence went to: (listed in alphabetical order)

Robin Hunter of Cooper City High School

Karen Hussein of Pine Crest

Amal Purandare of Spruce Creek High

Brian Sparling of Blanche Ely High

Stefan Vitorovic of Blanche Ely High

Aaron Wise of Hillsborough High

Merit Awards were presented to: (alpha order)

Timothy Borden of Canterbury

Zarabeth Golden of Blanche Ely High

Daniel Kitchener of Blanche Ely High

Joseph Rogan of Spruce Creek High

Clifton Saurel of Blanche Ely High

Amy Schnidman of Pine Crest

Michael Spertus of Spruce Creek High

Cindy Perrella, Talent Search Coordinator, also announced additional awards, only available through the Florida Talent Search Competition.

AAAS memberships were awarded to Zarabeth Golden and Karen Hussein. Two hundred dollar scholarships were awarded to Ashley Hydrick of Melbourne Central Catholic and Amal Purandare. The two trips to the West Virginia Science Camp were awarded to Robin Hunter and Brian Sparling. Alternates for the camp are Stefan Vitorovic and Aaron Wise.

2004 FJAS Annual Meeting

One hundred fifty-six FJAS members submitted research papers to the preliminary competition. The team of judges selected 97 papers for the March 13th competition. Seventy-nine students presented their research at the University of Central Florida. The

state competition could not have been possible without the assistance of:
Fran Ragsdale and Dr Cherri Geiger for local arrangements and assistance
University of Central Florida for opening their facilities to FJAS
Spruce Creek High Chapter (Presidential) for the doughnuts, goody bags, moderating, and more

Pine Crest Chapter (Vice Presidential) for the drinks, uv beads and help with Registration
Manatee High Chapter (Secretarial) for preparation of badges, certificates, etc

Cindy Perrella for coordinating Talent Search

Patricia Zalo for coordinating FJAS

FJAS sponsors who encourage, assist, and bring students to the competition

FJAS members who submit and present research

Parents of FJAS members for their support

Judges from Florida Academy of Sciences, UCF, and Barry University for their time

During the Business meeting Spruce Creek High was once again selected the Presidential Chapter while Blanche Ely was elected Vice Presidential Chapter. Aaron Wise gave a brief report on his trip to AJAS in Seattle. Doug Ferraro was remembered for his work at Cooper City. Students who competed in the Intel Science Talent Search and who will compete at SSEF and ISEF were recognized and applauded.

Winners at the 2004 Florida Junior Academy of Science Competition

J1 - Junior Session 1

- 1st Shane Samaroo of St Thomas Aquinas
- 2nd Esther Hsiang of Ruckel Middle
- 3rd Alexandra Weaver of Crystal Lake Middle
- 4th Nathaniel Porter of Louise Johnson Middle

J2 - Junior Session 2

- 1st Joshua Bernstein of Crystal Lake Middle
- 2nd Cassandra Lemus of Redland Middle
- 3rd Katie Carpenter of Crystal Lake Middle
- 4th Zack Nations of Stone Middle

J3- Junior Session 3

- 1st Corbin Berstein of Crystal Lake Middle
- 2nd Jordan Draper of Crystal Lake Middle
- 3rd Anees Bedi of Crystal Lake Middle
- 4th Tracey Schuman of Crystal Lake Middle

J L - Junior Literary Session

- 1st Ryan Alimuddin of North Dade Middle
- 2nd Diana Somarriba of North Dade Middle

S1 - Senior Session 1

- 1st Amirah Kahn of Miami Springs Sr High**
- 2nd Justin Rossi of Clearwater Central Catholic**
- 3rd Cristina Fernandez of Pine Crest**
- 4th Adam Gordon of Pine Crest**

S2 - Senior Session 2

- 1st Sarah Langberg of Canterbury**
- 2nd John Cunningham of Spruce Creek High**
- 3rd Adilia Taylor of Manatee High**
- 4th Melissa Smith of Blanche Ely**

S3 - Senior Session 3

- 1st Chloe Spertus of Spruce Creek**
- 2nd Bryan Kitchener of Blanche Ely**
- 3rd Fidel Hernandez of Barbara Goleman High**
- 4th Ana Silva of Cooper City High**

S L - Senior Literary Session

- 1st Megan Giebig of Union County High**
- 2nd Sergio Arguello of Union County High**

TS1 - Talent Search Session 1

- 1st Amy Schnidman of Pine Crest**
- 2nd Amal Purandare of Spruce Creek High**
- 3rd Joseph Rogan of Spruce Creek High**
- 4th Jennifer Chaim of Spruce Creek High**

TS2 - Talent Search Session 2

- 1st Karen Hussein of Pine Crest**
- 2nd Stefan Vitorovic of Blanche Ely High**
- 3rd Zarabeth Golden of Blanche Ely High**
- 4th Phillip Zegelbone of Pine Crest**

TS3 - Talent Search Session 3

- 1st Robin Hunter of Cooper City High**
- 2nd Brian Sparling of Blanche Ely High**
- 3rd Clifton Saurel of Blanche Ely High**
- 4th Aaron Wise of Hillsborough High**

Special Awards for Outstanding Presentations were awarded to:

**Kinsley Belle of West Shore Jr/Sr High
Shane Black of Crystal Lake Middle
Michelle Goodfellow of Redland Middle
Jonathan Hermans of St Stephens Episcopal
Tina Nguyen of Stone Middle
Moises Rivera of North Dade Middle
Kimberly Shampain of Pine Crest
Monica Simo of MAST Academy
Michael Spertus of Spruce Creek High**

Opportunities for 2005 Graduates

Juniors in high school who placed in an experimental session of the 2004 FJAS competition may be eligible for two additional awards as high school seniors. These are only available through FJAS:

AAAS Membership

AJAS/AAAS conference and presentation in Washington DC, Feb 16-20, 2005

Applications are due to Pat Zalo by September 1, 2004. Information sheets were available at FJAS.

FJAS was started to prepare students to compete in the Intel Science Talent Search and other competitions. Check out the FJAS pages at: www.floridaacademyofsciences.org for more competitions, websites and deadlines.

Congratulations to all of the winners. We hope to see you at USF in March 2005