

2025 Newfoundland and Labrador Science Fairs

Memorial University's Core Science Facility in St. John's was filled this past Friday with young scientists (grades 7 – 12) from schools on the Avalon Peninsula. Students were competing in the 2025 Cenovus Energy Eastern Newfoundland Science and Technology Fair. Students from the rest of the province were competing online at the 6th annual Labrador, Western and Central Newfoundland (LWCN) Virtual Fair. Between the 2 fairs there were a total of 156 students, with 124 projects competing for medals, prizes, scholarships, special awards and for a spot on Science Team NL. Students represented 13 schools on the Avalon including Brother Rice Junior High, Fatima Academy, Gonzaga High, Holy Heart of Mary High, Holy Spirit High, Holy Trinity High, Lakecrest Independent School, Macdonald Drive Junior High, Mobile Central High, Mount Pearl Senior High, Prince of Wales Collegiate, St. Bonaventure's College and St. Paul's Junior High. The LWCN Virtual Fair included students from 9 schools: A.R. Scammell Academy (Change Islands), Bayview Academy (St. George's), Holy Name of Mary Academy (Lawn), Labrador Straits Academy (L'Anse au Loup), Lake Melville School (North West River), Lakewood Academy (Glenwood), St. James All Grade (Lark Harbour), St. Stephen's All Grade (Rencontre East) and William Gillette Academy (Charlottetown, LAB).

Of the 112 projects (139 students) in the eastern fair, 98 were recognized with 25 honourable mentions and 73 medals (18 bronze, 25 silver, 30 gold). All 12 projects (17 students) outside of eastern were recognized with 2 bronze, 6 silver, and 5 gold medals. In Eastern "Best of Fair" was awarded to Orpa Hawlader, a grade 12 student from Gonzaga High while Hailey Messervey and Taylor Gloade, grade 12 students from Bayview Academy in St. George's, received the honour from the LWCN fair.

Students from both regions were named to the 2025 Science Team NL and will represent the province at the 2025 Canada Wide Science Fair (CWSF) in Fredericton, NB from May 31 to June 7. From Eastern the students selected include Gonzaga's Alpita Patro and Orpa Halader, Holy Heart students Emily Qiu, Vidya Chedella and Sophia Zhang, and St. Bonaventure's College student Eliana Ralph. Joining the team from LWCN are Kendal Clarke from William Gillette Academy, Liam Rowe and Leland Ralph from Lakewood Academy and Hailey Messervey and Taylor Gloade from Bayview Academy.



Ms. Lina Gallant, a member of th NL Science Fairs Council was recognized with a Youth Science Canada Distinguished Service Award. Lina has been a volunteer with this organizing council since 2007 and served as the treasurer from 2008 to 2022. A science teacher for more than 30 years, she encouraged involvement in science fairs, fostering curiosity and engagement of her students.



Jeff Jeworski, Senior Vice President, Cenovus Energy and Science Team NL (Eastern region): Eliana R., Vidya C., Orpa H, Emily Q., Sophia Z. and Alpita P.



Science Team NL (Labrador, Western, Central region): Kendal C., Leland R., Liam R., Hailey M. and Taylor G.

Congratulations to all participants! For more information on this year's fairs and a list of all winners as well as the results from the upcoming CWSF 2025 go to https://nlsciencefairs.ca/.

All CWSF projects for 2025 as well as previous years can be viewed at cwsf.youthscience.ca