

2021 MESAS MAIL-IN CONTEST

TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES: 292

Winners Announced May 2021

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The State-wide MESAS mail-in contest was held this winter & spring. There were 292 entries, with 193 students from grades 4-6 (E Contest) and 99 students from grades 6-8 (M Contest). This year, the contests enclosed a broad range of topics with an emphasis on Science and History in South Carolina, the Environment, Ecology, Training in measurement (especially Metric), Public Health, Epidemiology, and all about humans. In 2021 students were asked to measure their stride. All following the Common Core Guidelines of South Carolina. We would like to extend our most sincere appreciation to the creators of the 2021 MESAS Mail-in Contest. This members from the South Carolina Academy of Science and faculty from the Center for Science Education at UofSC played major roles in the production of the 2021 contest.

Awards were given in four categories: Grand, State, Regional and School Winners. A unique feature of the contest is that **every** school that participates is guaranteed at **least one winner**. The Grand Prizes went to thirty-two (32) students (20 M and 12 E) from seven regions in South Carolina.. The top overall papers. **Grand Winners** are:

Region I: Noah Ricca and Joshua Ricca of Christ Church Episcopal (Sponsored by Robert Ricca); Amelia Schwab of Sterling Elementary School (Sponsored by John Schwab); Daniel Weyer of PACESC (Sponsored by Ashley Weyer);

Region II: Meredith Butler, Royce Shannon, Naomi Little, Gabriella Berresford, and Weston Hill of Pleasant Hill Elementary (Sponsored by Jenny Farmer); Mia Vartenisian of Lockett Elementary (Sponsored by Amy Vertenisian); Rasha Cahigan of Longleaf Middle (Sponsored by Selina Cahigan); Elizabeth Yong of Chapin Middle (Sponsored by Kelly Hawkins); Diego Alvarado-Cruz and Anoushka Bhaskar of Dent Middle (Sponsored by Aurelio Alvarado Zoledo and Gayathri Ramanan); Zielaika Curabo and Kensley Green of Fairfield Middle (Sponsored by Dr. Rolando Curabo); Carson Vineyard of Beechwood Middle (Sponsored by Lauren Meyers); Boone Miller of Dutchfork Middle (Sponsored by Tracey Miller); Brooke Walter of Lexington Middle School (Sponsored by Susan Walter); Kaynell Chewachong of Alice Drive Middle School (Sponsored by Godwill Chewachong);

Region III: Tori Smrekar and Zachary Esters of Sullivan Middle School (Sponsored by Mrs. Burkell); Kayla Hedrick and Nicholas Rhoden of EP Todd Elementary (Sponsored by Crystal Weathers); Riley Foster and Guangzhao Little of Williams Middle School (Sponsored by Stacey Foster and Anteng Li);

Region IV: Liyang Ye of Delmae Heights Elementary (Sponsored by Yajuan Zeng); Sawyer Cook and Nicholas Wayne Kirby of Lake View High (Sponsored by Pam Gasque);

Region V: Sam Kotz, Sydney Poliakoff, and Robert Gamble of Porter-Gaud School (Sponsored by Jason Fricker)

The contest scores were very good overall, and a good percentage of the entrants qualified for an award. We had **230 winners** out of 292 participants (**approx 78.8% of the total number of participants were winners**). Certificates and prizes will be mailed out to each student's principal so that the awards could be presented at each school's Awards Assembly (This may not be possible at all schools in 2021). We congratulate each and every contestant for his or her excellent effort! We encourage every student in all South Carolina schools to participate next year. Below is a list of the winners and their school.

GRAND CONTEST WINNERS 2021

GRADE	NAME	SCHOOL
5	Noah Ricca	Christ Church Episcopal
4	Mia Vartenisian	Lockett Elementary
5	Meredith Butler	Pleasant Hill Elementary
4	Liyang Ye	Delmae Heights Elementary
6	Sawyer Cook	Lake View High
5	Royce Shannon	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Naomi Little	Pleasant Hill Elementary
6	Nicholas Wayne Kirby	Lake View High
5	Gabriella Berresford	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Joshua Ricca	Christ Church Episcopal
6	Rasha Cahigan	Longleaf Middle
5	Weston Hill	Pleasant Hill Elementary

GRADE	NAME	SCHOOL
7	Zielaika Curabo	Fairfield Middle
7	Tori Smrekar	Sullivan Middle School
7	Anoushka Bhaskar	Dent Middle
7	Riley Foster	Williams Middle School
8	Kayla Hedrick	EP Todd Elementary
7	Kaynell Chewachong	Alice Drive Middle School
8	Carson Vineyard	Beechwood Middle
8	Boone Miller	Dutch Fork Middle School
8	Nicholas Rhoden	EP Todd Elementary
8	Kensley Green	Fairfield Middle
7	Brooke Walter	Lexington Middle School
7	Sydney Poliakoff	Porter-Gaud School

7	Elizabeth	Yong	Chapin Middle
7	Daniel	Weyer	PACESC
7	Sam	Kotz	Porter-Gaud School
6	Diego	Alvarado-Cruz	Dent Middle

6	Amelia	Schwab	Sterling Elementary School
7	Guangzhao	Little	Williams Middle
7	Robert	Gamble	Porter-Gaud School
7	Zachary	Estes	Sullivan Middle School

STATE CONTEST WINNERS 2021

GRADE	NAME		SCHOOL
5	Lucas	Unger	Christ Church Episcopal
5	A.J.	Purdy	Pleasant Hill Elementary
4	Merlie	Gates	Bethel Hanberry Elementary
5	Fleur	Joseph	Christ Church Episcopal
4	Jetahli	Mitchell	Community Bible Church Christian Academy
4	Jackson	Fortanbary	Lake Murray Elementary
5	Sophia	Baker	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Abbie	Derrick	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Brooke-Lynn	Iovenu	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Leah D.	Sylvain	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Sadie	Curtis	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Cayden	Rhymer	Pleasant Hill Elementary
6	Jackson	Whaley	Camp Road Middle
4	Christopher	DeMarino	Lake Murray Elementary
5	Braylen	Paysinger	Lakeview Elementary
5	Annabelle	McClendon	Lakeview Elementary
5	Treasure	Ejianreh	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Chloe	Miller	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Mustafa	Azhar	River Springs Elementary
5	Savannah	Whaley	Lake Carolina Upper Campus
5	Isabella	Bruin	Pleasant Hill Elementary

GRADE	NAME		SCHOOL
7	Sophia	Mercier	Community Bible Church Christian Academy
8	Bella	Rahn	Porter-Gaud School
7	Noelia	Colón	Woodmont Middle School
8	Kathryn	Brandt	Woodmont Middle School
8	Virina	Dsouza	Beechwood Middle
7	Khamren	Vongsay	EP Todd Elementary
7	Jaeda	Johnson	EP Todd Elementary
7	Michael	Zhang	Porter-Gaud School
8	Citlali	Sanchez	Porter-Gaud School
7	Davahn	Dorsainvil	Woodmont Middle School
6	Caroline	Parkinson	Christ Church Episcopal
7	Ashwin	Chdambaram	Beechwood Middle School
7	Molly	Powers	Beechwood Middle School
7	Justin	Torres	Community Bible Church Christian Academy
8	Rasheed	Muwakkil	Fairfield Middle
7	Tiana	Mallawaaratchy	Porter-Gaud School
7	Woods	Gamble	Porter-Gaud School
8	Charlotte	Dalu	Porter-Gaud School
7	Colbe	Lee	Porter-Gaud School

REGIONAL CONTEST WINNERS 2021

GRADE	NAME		SCHOOL
4	Aiden	Wallace	West End Elementary
6	Fulbright	TimChewachong	Alice Drive Middle School
6	Celena	Phillips	Cyril B. Busbee Creative Arts Academy
4	Matilynn	Johnson	Fork Shoals Elementary
4	Mary	Hood	Lake Murray Elementary
5	Chelsea	Washington	Lakeview Elementary
5	Alli	Cox	Lakeview Elementary
4	Wyatt	Branch	York Preparatory Academy
6	Annah	Cabaniss	Lake View High
4	Christopher	Puglisi	Round Top Elementary
4	Conley	Hennessee	Carolina Park Elementary
4	Hayes	Bowers	Christ Church Episcopal School
4	Aiden	Leach	Lake Murray Elementary
6	Madalynn	Truong	Lake View High
5	Carley	Lyons	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Zimo	Wei	Carver Elementary

GRADE	NAME		SCHOOL
8	Camari	Davis	Longleaf Middle
8	William	Belger	Porter-Gaud School
7	Pablo Gabriel	Gomez	Saluda Middle
8	Aamina	Azhar	Dutch Fork Middle School
7	Shanoa	Ross	EP Todd Elementary
6	Kingston	Koupaxa	EP Todd Elementary
6	Darren	Metts	Fairfield Magnet for Math/Science
7	Ajay	Cullen	CASC Cyber Academy Online
7	Salena	Malaythong	EP Todd Elementary
7	Frankie	Magdaleno	EP Todd Elementary
8	Daniel	Lacunza	EP Todd Elementary
7	Lillian	Wren	Sullivan Middle School
7	Chloe	Hudson	Sullivan Middle School
6	Jack	Cornett	Charleston Charter School for Math & Science
8	Lindsey	Bowie	Christ Church Episcopal School
6	Kylee	Williams	EP Todd Elementary

4	Manish Gobinath	Vimala	Forest Lake Elementary
5	Loudson	Beckham	Lakeview Elementary
4	Faith	Dortman	Lucy T. Davis Elementary
3	Martina	Schwab	Monarch Elementary
5	Amelia	Black	Onward Kings Ranch
5	Abby	Frazier	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Arlene	Vinod	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Jeffrey	Czerw	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Kara	Philips	Fork Shoals School
6	Ava	Sweere	Laing Middle
4	Kalei	Tucker	Lake Murray Elementary
4	Tessa	Rogers	Lake Murray Elementary
4	Walker	Baker	Lake Murray Elementary
5	Carter	Newgent	Lakeview Elementary
5	Luke C.	Reidenbach	Pleasant Hill Elementary

7	Trenade R.	Moore-Watson	EP Todd Elementary
7	Krishi	Patel	Fairfield Middle
7	Gerald	Wells	Rollings Middle School of the Arts
5	Clara	Turnage	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Aston	Ignacio	Pleasant Hill Elementary
4	Joseph	Ra	Center For Inquiry
6	Abigail	Elvington	Lake View High
4	Rasheem	Singelton	Carolina Park Elementary
6	Savannah	Balcom	Johnsonville Middle
4	Savana	Magar	Lake Murray Elementary
5	Fernanda	Lopez	Lakeview Elementary
4	Max	Tompkins	Lakeview Elementary
5	Cameron	Davoll	Polo Road Elementary
5	Megan	Van Zanen	Pleasant Hill Elementary
4	Christopher	Puglisi	Round Top Elementary

SCHOOL CONTEST WINNERS 2021

GRADE	NAME		SCHOOL
8	Austin	Duncan	Beechwood Middle
7	Isaiah	Tousley	EP Todd Elementary
7	Keyleigh	Harris	EP Todd Elementary
7	Kayla	Harvin	CE Murray Middle
6	Merian	Jom	EP Todd Elementary
6	Kathlynn	Romero	EP Todd Elementary
7	Dawn	Hedrick	EP Todd Elementary
7	Hayden	Eubanks	Woodmont Middle School
7	Colin	Tang	Dent Middle
6	Andreyana	Hansana	EP Todd Elementary
7	Matthew	Mazzoli	Porter-Gaud School
6	Cherish C.	Campbell	EP Todd Elementary
7	Haley	Moore	EP Todd Elementary
8	Isabelle	Puente	Woodmont Middle School
7	Kenyon	McKnight	CE Murray Middle
7	Chloe	Austin	EP Todd Elementary
7	Daniel Perez	Flores	Fairfield Middle
7	Morgana	Chau	Longleaf Middle School
7	Scott	Tibbals	Porter-Gaud School
8	Elisa	Wells	Rollings Middle School of the Arts
7	Samuel	Johnson	Camp Road Middle
7	Davis	Toy	Homeschool
6	Kyla	Harper	Fairfield Magnet for Math/Science
5	Taylor	Foster	Lucy T. Davis Elementary
4	Ellie	Adcox	Merrywood Elementary School
4	Macy	Purcell	Millwood Elementary
5	Lauryn B.	Unger	Pleasant Hill Elementary
6	DeAndre	Thompson	Busbee Middle School
4	Anna Claire	Waters	Lakeview Elementary
5	Noah	Price	Pleasant Hill Elementary
4	Katherine	Longman	Lake Murray Elementary
4	Aishani	Banerjee	Lake Murray Elementary
5	Harrison	McPhail	Lakeview Elementary
5	Elizabeth	Botchie	Lakeview Elementary
4	Aubrey	Pollard	Lakeview Elementary
5	Riley Ann	Bess	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Lauren	Airasian	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Hannah	Hudson	Pleasant Hill Elementary
4	Elizabeth	Fernandez	Tega Cay Elementary
5	Elliott	Douglas	Fairfield Magnet for Math/Science
5	Ashley Varela	Mejia	Lakeview Elementary
4	Ariell	Tate	Lakeview Elementary
5	Ben	Moore	Pleasant Hill Elementary
4	Amelia	Boerstles	Homeschool
4	Hudson	Toy	Homeschool
4	Gabriel M.	Lee	Lake View Elementary
4	Eli	Hayden	Lockett Elementary
4	Easton	Hayden	Lockett Elementary
4	Kai	Huskey	Mead Hall Episcopal

GRADE	NAME		SCHOOL
4	Sophia	Potts	Pleasant Hill Elementary
4	Kyle Zedrik A.	Curabo	Fairfield Magnet for Math/Science
6	Joseph	Dixon	Laing Middle
6	Lucy	DiGiacomo	Laing Middle
6	Christopher	Rice	Lake View High
6	Cooper	Hammett	Lakeview Elementary
6	Julian	Vassell	CE Murray Middle
6	Micah Parker	Simmons	Cyril B. Busbee Creative Arts Academy
6	Emerson	Smiley	Forest Lake Elementary
6	Sierra	Purcell	Furman Middle School
6	Jaiden	Ferguson	Joseph Shanklin Elementary
6	Wesley	Brown	Joseph Shanklin Elementary
6	Kalani	Jenkins	Joseph Shanklin Elementary
5	Wheeler	Brown	Laing Middle
5	Darika	Kochems	Lake Murray Elementary
6	Balin	Rice	Lake View High
4	Andrew	Hines	Merrywood Elementary School
4	Abigail	Ratray	Community Bible Church Christian Academy
5	Carter	Maorid	Lake Murray Elementary
4	Gavin	Quarles	Lakeview Elementary
5	Kendra	Kinard	Lakeview Elementary
5	Jason	Nelson	Minnie Hughes Elementary
5	Taylor	Foster	Lucy T. Davis Elementary
5	Kate	Jump	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Freddie	Lorick	Killian Elementary
5	Jadyn	Lyon	Laing Middle
5	Jacob	Bentley	Lake Murray Elementary
5	Ella	Davis	Lake Murray Elementary
5	Azeleigh	Arnette	Lake View High
6	Chloe	Cox	Lake View High
5	Kaylee	Spivey	Lake View High
4	Catherine	Miller	Lake View High
5	Annie	Logan	Lakeview Elementary
5	Sarah	Pierce	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	William	Brewer	Lakeview Elementary
5	Samuel	Evans	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Connor	Geary	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	Chaunacy	Smith	Cyril B. Busbee Creative Arts Academy
5	Ellison	Phillips	Harbison West Elementary
5	Harper	Miller	Lake Murray Elementary
5	Cooper	Jackson	Lake View High
5	Vincent	Malphrus	Pleasant Hill Elementary
5	William	Sexton Jr.	Sandlapper Elementary
5	Chloe	Young	Fairfield Magnet for Math/Science
5	Elizabeth	Koen	Lake Murray Elementary
5	Gabe	Rogers	Lake View High
5	Joshua	McDuffie	Lake View High
5	Gavin	Jenks	Lakeview Elementary
4	Caleb	Davoll	Polo Road Elementary

Congratulations to all the winners and everyone who participated!!!